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Championship bound

'Cats, 'Hounds seek big wins, big pins

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

Two Maryville sports teams are headed down the road to a championship this weekend.

The Spoofhound wrestling team has five wrestlers going to state, and after losing to Washburn University 78-68, Wednesday, the Bearcats' men's basketball team is looking for the outright conference championship against Missouri Western State College at 7 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena.

"Part of being a good team is how you react to a big loss," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said following the 'Cats' loss to Washburn University during the KNIM postgame show.

After being picked to finish sixth in the MIAA preseason coaches' poll, Northwest has a chance to win its first conference championship since the 1986-87 season. But the 'Cats will face their biggest rival — the Griffons.

"The rivalry thing, and all that goes with it, always makes it a big game, but this could be a real special basketball game," Tappmeyer said.

An outright conference win for the 'Cats could also help the Northwest athletic program achieve something that has only happened seven times in the history of the MIAA conference. Northwest could be the first program to win the conference championship without a tie in football and basketball since 1966 when Southwest Missouri State University achieved it.

"One goal we had to begin the year (was) we said we wanted to be a team at our University that made history — that went down in the

history books," Tappmeyer said. "By tying it, you get some of that, but I think if you're a competitor, in games there are no ties, you want to stay on top by yourself."

The game will not only decide the MIAA champion but could have huge implications on the seeding of the conference and regional tournaments.

If the 'Cats and Griffons tie for the conference title, the Griffons will own the tiebreaker because of their record against non-MIAA Division II opponents and consequently have the first seed in the conference tournament.

The results of the game will also affect regional rankings. While there will be excitement in Maryville, the

Hearnes Center should be bumping as well.

Five Spoofhound wrestlers will be chasing a state title this weekend in Columbia.

Seniors Mark Anderson (119 lbs.), Ryan Castillo (135 lbs.), Jeremy Lliteras (140 lbs.) and Adam Chadwick (152 lbs.) and junior D.J. Merrill (130 lbs.) will enter the state competition with different outlooks.

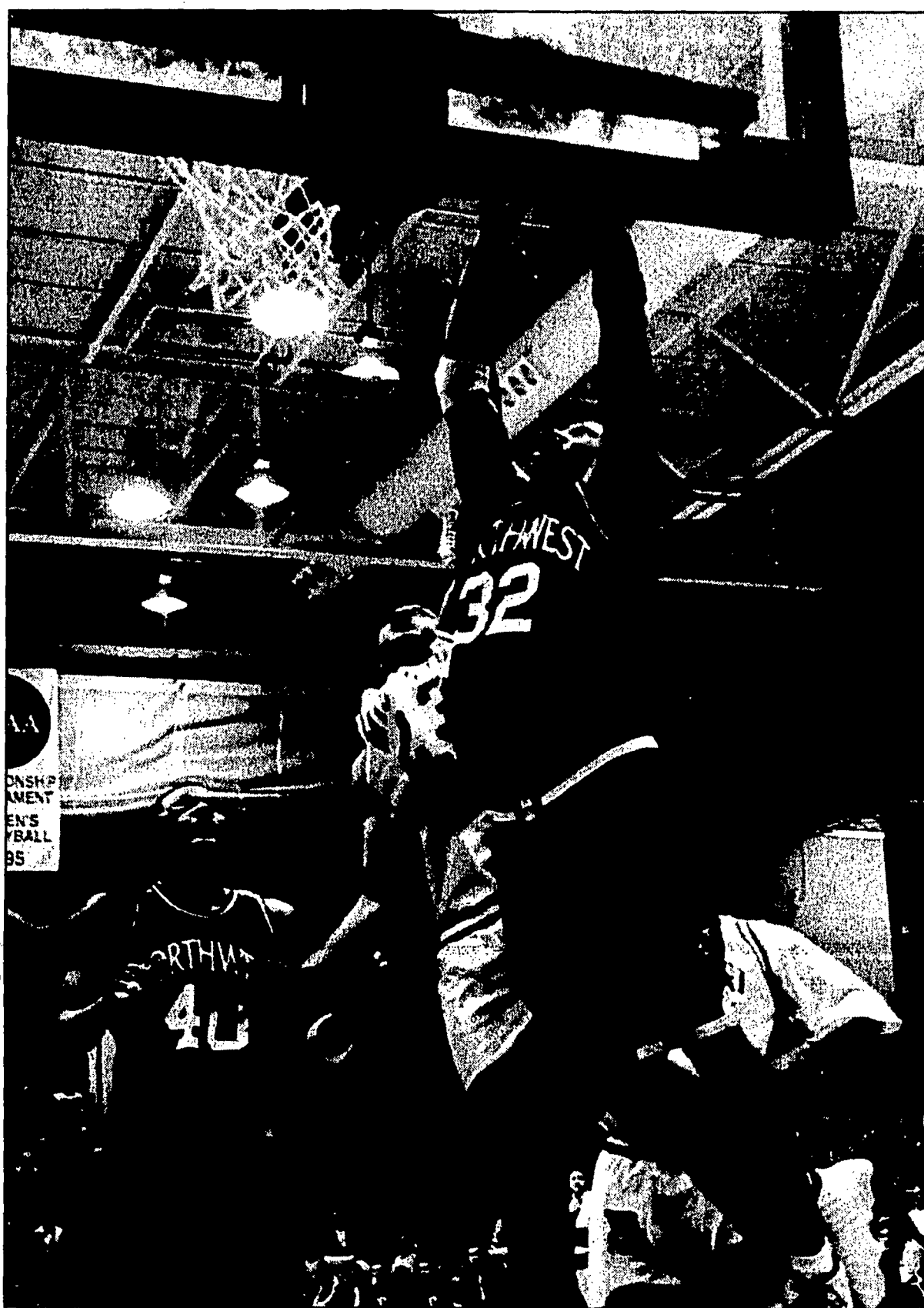
Some of the wrestlers just want to win, while others are more interested in self-satisfaction and not as focused on medals.

"I am going to wrestle the best I can and whatever happens, happens," Castillo said. "If I perform to the best of my abilities I will walk off the mat satisfied."

Anderson and Lliteras both finished first at sectionals. The wrestlers will begin their quest for a state championship today in the Hearnes Center.

Part of being a good team is how you react to a big loss.

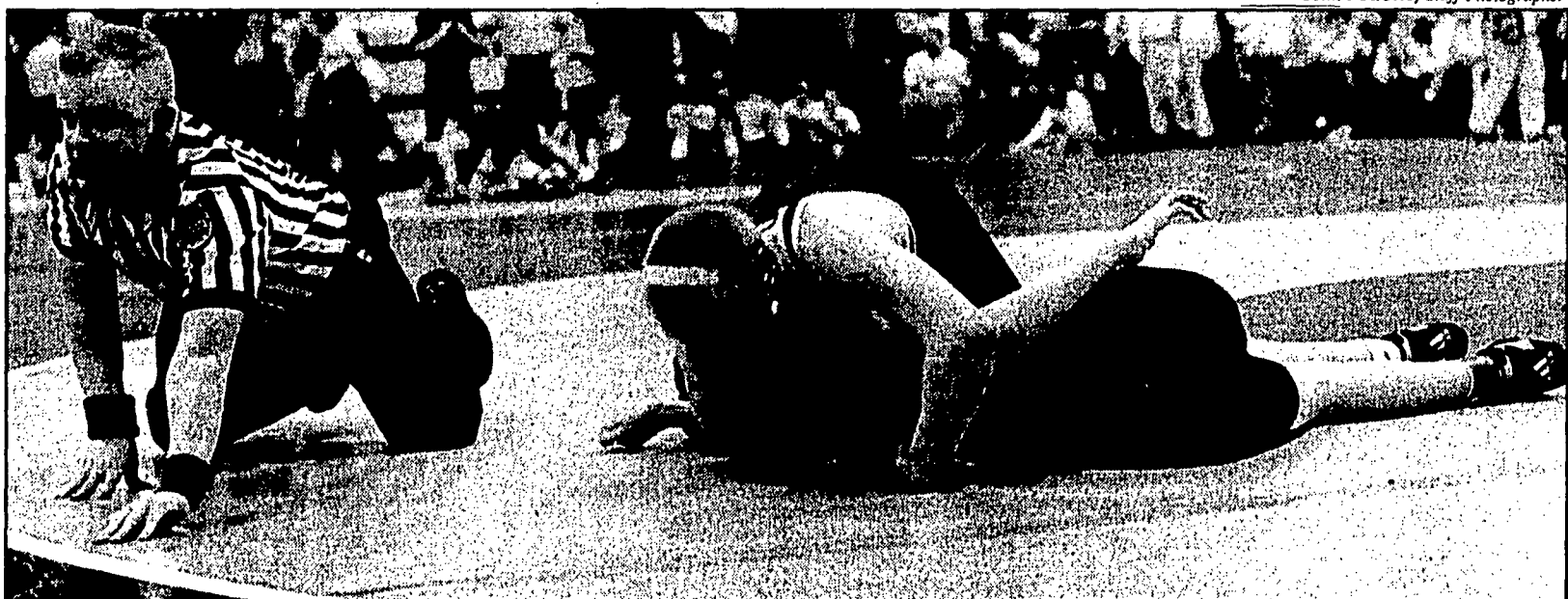
— Steve Tappmeyer, men's basketball head coach



John Petrovic/Staff Photographer

Brian Bursleson (above) takes it to the rack with authority in this season's earlier matchup against Missouri Western State College Griffons. The Bearcats will play the Griffons Saturday at Bearcat Arena for the determination of the MIAA title. Freshman Jesse Reed (right) gets the pin in last weekend's sectional tournament in Platte City. Reed is one of five Spoofhounds advancing to the state tournament today in Columbia.

Darren Papek/
Photography Director



Authorities searching for Iowa man

■ Family seeks information after relative disappears from downtown Omaha bar

by Stephanie Zellstra
Assistant News Editor

Friends, family and police are searching for information about a Council Bluffs, Iowa, man who has been missing since Feb. 11.

John Steven Conaway was last seen in Omaha, Neb., between 10 and 10:30 p.m. at Buffalo Joe's Food & Spirits near Rosenblatt Stadium in downtown Omaha. He was seen leaving in his car from Buffalo Joe's, where he and friend Randy Pitts had a few beers.

Steve is a 36-year-old white male. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 140 pounds. He has naturally curly brown hair, a mustache and goatee. He is a diabetic and his family is concerned, because he is insulin dependent.

Steve was last seen wearing a white long-sleeve button-down collared shirt with vertical blue stripes and tan pants. It

is presumed that he drove away in his car, a 1989 gold Ford Taurus four door, with Iowa license plate 977-CLN.

Steve is the brother of Northwest student NaShaa Conaway, a senior technical theater major.

NaShaa and her family have been searching Omaha looking for clues that will lead to Steve.

"The bar was the last place he was seen," NaShaa said. "The bartender remembered him and said he was in good spirits. Nothing seemed to be bothering him. He said that Steve and his friend were talking about getting golf memberships at a club and everything."

This limited information has family members, including three other siblings, baffled and concerned as to his whereabouts.

"Farnerbocken, a distributing company



■ Steve Conaway

where he is a sales representative, reported him missing because he didn't show up for work," NaShaa said. "They reported him because that was very uncharacteristic of him not to show up to work without calling or something."

NaShaa said there is not a missing person's report on Steve because there is no suspicion of foul play. All the Council Bluffs Police Department can do is classify it as an attempt to locate.

Council Bluffs Police Department said that he is an adult, and just because he hasn't contacted anyone, doesn't necessarily mean he is missing.

A report has been aired on Omaha television and radio stations.

"We just hope that by making people aware that we will be able to find him," NaShaa said. "We are just really baffled and very worried about him right now. There have been no leads and it is very frustrating right now. We haven't even been able to locate his vehicle."

If you have any information on the disappearance of Steve, contact the Council Bluffs Police Department at (712) 328-4728 or local authorities.

University presents opportunity for students to voice opinions

■ Plans for covenant will help solve future miscommunications during Quality Classroom Day

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

It may be the last opportunity for students to voice their concerns about the University in front of faculty and administrators.

Students can share opinions and discuss concerns about study environments with various groups for the draft of the student creed at the Great Expectations: Quality Classroom Day '98 at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 26 in the Student Union Ballroom.

The draft of the student covenant, or creed, which is planned to be created this semester and included in the student handbook this fall, will outline student expectations that should help solve miscommunication with faculty.

"This document is so binding," Angel Harris-Lewis, Student Senate president, said. "Hopefully, it will last a very long time in the future."

Although many universities have a student covenant, Northwest has never had one. This causes many miscommunications in what students and professors expect from each other, Harris-Lewis said.

"A lot of times, at the end of the semester, we hear students saying, 'I could have done a lot better in the class if I knew this is what the teacher was looking for,'" Harris-Lewis said. "On the other hand, I hear teachers say 'I didn't know students needed to go through the syllabus for him.' Basically, we are kind of (misunderstanding) each other. So by having a draft of a student creed, we all know what is expected of us."

The discussion will start with an opening session at 1 p.m. in the Union Ballroom and will divide up various groups of students, faculty, administrators and support staff in different rooms. It will be followed by a closing session where the groups will gather later to exchange the different ideas.

Harris-Lewis said this will be the last chance for students to express their opinions.

First Amendment

Policies under scrutiny

by Scott Summers
Community Sports Editor

Confusing University policies and miscommunication led to last week's debate over whether two students' First Amendment rights were violated, Northwest officials said.

Cynthia Cole and Robert Shields were attempting Feb. 2 to distribute fliers about the Second Amendment (the right to bear arms), as well as other statistics about guns.

The anti-gun control fliers were being distributed prior to a speech by Sarah Brady, chief spokeswoman for gun control, that took place later that evening.

Clarence Green, Campus Safety director, asked Cole and Shields to stop distributing the fliers, because he believed they needed to be approved by Student Senate in order to be distributed on campus.

In fact, Student Senate has no policy that restricts the distribution of fliers on campus. Student Senate regulates posting fliers on bulletin boards and in campus buildings.

However, on page 41 of the student handbook, it says "Any person, group or organization wishing to distribute fliers, leaflets, buttons, food, clothing or any other kind of hand-out on campus must first contact the appropriate authority."

The section in the handbook continues by saying that anyone wanting to distribute information on campus (other than the Student Union or residence halls) should contact the Student Affairs Committee of Student Senate.

Green said the situation was handled fairly and appropriately. He said he followed the guidelines printed in the handbook.

Angel Harris-Lewis, Student Senate president, said students need to be held accountable for the information in the handbook.

"What I think is irresponsible, and somewhat passing the buck, is to wait until a problem occurs and then start to point the finger at everybody that may have been responsible," Harris-Lewis said.

Harris-Lewis said the students need to stop complaining when someone tries to enforce what is in the student handbook.

"We just basically cried like babies," Harris-Lewis said. "Everybody has a problem with something when it hurts you personally or when you think it hinders you from doing something you personally want to do."

Harris-Lewis suggests students petition to get the rules changed instead of waiting for a problem to occur and reacting.

"If those two individuals never wanted to go about passing out those fliers, who knows?" Harris-Lewis said. "That rule in the student handbook might stay there for another 50 years."

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Our View

OF THE COMMUNITY

Media need new focus, must decide critical issue

Monica Lewinsky, Jennifer Flowers and Bill Clinton. These are all names we hear on a daily basis when tuning in to the evening news.



But what about Saddam Hussein, United States fighter planes and chemical warfare?

The American media have fallen short of their duties to inform the United States citizens of important events. They have been so involved with the President's alleged sex scandal, that they have lost sight of the fact we may be on our way to war.

Just last week an additional 3,000 troops were sent to the Persian Gulf to maintain the military attack force against Iraq. Recently, the Pentagon sent six F-117 A stealth fighters, six F-16 fighters, six B-52 heavy bombers and one B-1 bomber to build a powerhouse of more than 300 U.S. planes already in the Gulf region.

These are the facts that should be in the nightly news. Americans need to know that thousands of our sons, daughters, moms and dads are facing air strikes and possibly could be risking lives for our country. Yet, the idea that President Clinton may or may not have had an affair with a White House intern is broadcasted by the mass media.

When the last Gulf War broke out in 1991, the media was all over it. They started broadcasting stories almost six months before the war even started. If the intern scandal had never taken place, it is almost guaranteed that Iraq would be the top story every night. We would be hearing Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State say we are well on our way to war. Albright made this comment only a week ago: "It's not days, it's not months — it's in the weeks category."

Interestingly enough, most Americans have no clue that we even have any troops in the Gulf. Most Americans get their news at 5 and 6 p.m., which is covering possibilities of Lewinsky e-mailing President Clinton. Only news channels like CNN are airing the possibilities of war with Iraq. Unfortunately, most Americans do not have time to watch CNN all day to find out what's really happening.

It is an embarrassment to the American public when a press conference meant for discussing current military concerns in the Middle East is used to clarify whether or not Clinton was involved in a sex scandal.

If the media believes the Clinton sex scandal is so important, they should be covering the possibilities that Clinton may have lied under oath. They should focus on the fact that there may have been an obstruction of justice and not if Bill cheated on Hillary. The scandal most certainly should not have precedence over a possible war.

Are television ratings and newspaper sales taking over what Americans see and hear on the news? Does the media believe Americans are more interested in sex and lies than the future of our parents and children?

It should, since they are the ones fighting a war.



Letters to the Editor

Approval keeps things orderly

Dear Editor,
I do not understand all the ranting about the gun rights protesters and their fliers. The First Amendment has never been absolute. For instance, the First Amendment does not protect your right to scream through a megaphone at 3 a.m. Public institutions have the right to control the time, place and manner in which free speech is exercised. You can say any old thing you want, but you cannot say it any old place and in any old way.

That has been the law for a very long time. Is it censorship that you have to have approval from Student Senate before posting on many campus bulletin boards? Is it unconstitutional to ask students to raise their hands for recognition before they speak in class?

No, these are just helpful ways to keep communication orderly. Asking people to get approval before distributing fliers is just another way to keep communication orderly. Maybe it is more order than we want, and it certainly is more order than I want, but it is hardly fascist thuggery. It would have been unfair not to enforce the existing rules in a special case. Yes, let's change the rules, but more calmly, please.

Keith Rhodes,
coordinator of composition

Brady should speak truth

Dear Editor,
Ah...Sarah Brady was in town and I have my regrets. You've all been there, "the morning after" when you know what you should have said and didn't.

Mrs. Brady began her lecture advocating more gun control legislation by claiming she and the organization she supports don't want to ban firearms. She expressed her desire to keep firearms from the "wrong" people.

My regret? During the question period, I wish I'd said, "You expect all of us to count on someone else (i.e. government, law enforcement) to protect us instead of being responsible for ourselves. I have one question for which I'd like a simple yes or no answer. Would you be happy to know that every home in the United States did not contain a firearm?" If Sarah wanted to be completely honest with us, she'd have answered yes.

And there's the truth people. Don't allow yourselves to be fooled. Sarah, and the politicians she wants you to vote for, have only one goal; to ultimately take away the right of every law-abiding citizen to "keep and bear arms."

The Northwest lecture series is a learning experience for this misinformed generation. I challenge (Bryan) Vanosdale and the activity committee to provide equal time for others to express their views concerning gun control. Let's bring another recognized speaker to Maryville. I suggest the well-known and highly respected Mr. Charlton Heston or Ms. Marion Hammer, the current president of the NRA (National Rifle Association).

We need to tell the whole truth. Mr. Vanosdale and Northwest students, will you take this challenge?

Diane Ackman,
Maryville resident

Challenge others, not Greeks

Dear Editor,
Or more correctly, Dear Gregory Roper. I find your assumptions that Greeks=alcoholism, Greeks=rape and Greeks=bad students to be extremely naive. You accuse people of spouting "the usual pabulum...the nationals put

out", but then you "spout the usual pabulum" of the anti-Greeks. Do you honestly think that the Greek system is the source of evil on university campuses?

Date-rape, binge drinking and lack of enthusiasm in education are symptoms of our culture, not simply the influence of the Greek system. You paint them as the party devils of the campus and removing them will remove the problem. Removing alcohol or parties from the Greek system, or removing the Greek system all together, only moves the problems to a house down the street. A house where you won't find a DD (designated driver), any semblance of brotherhood or sisterhood or any sense of service besides getting trashed in the name of Bud-Light. I'm not saying that the Greek system is the best, but I can surely imagine worse. But the state of the Greek system isn't the point. The state of our society is. So instead of challenging the Greeks to put down their beer, challenge me and the rest of this society to create a world where the smart aren't nerds, getting smashed isn't cool and violence toward women isn't a way of life.

The world we live in is a product of our action, you and me. So don't blame the Greeks. Blame yourself. You're our teacher after all. Have us look at the problem in this way and maybe more of us will show up to class.

Jerry Nevins
Philosophy/theater/government major

Senate gets unfair coverage

Dear Editor,
Fact: There is a little known document entitled the Constitution of the United States. In this document is the First Amendment, giving us the right to talk, to worship and even to hand out fliers at seminars.

Fact: Two students, before Sarah Brady addressed Northwest concerning gun control, were exercising this right by distributing fliers to those who were going to the speech. Campus Safety officer, Clarence Green, took it upon himself to tell these students they were not allowed to hand out the fliers using Student Senate as his scapegoat.

Fact: The Missourian printed one article and one opinion bashing Student Senate for posting the rules that have been in effect long before we were students. Not one Student Senate member was mentioned in the front page article concerning this supposed act of injustice and constitutional restriction.

I was quite shocked and appalled at the audacity of the paper to print such one-sided journalism. I understand the editorial and that a stand had to be taken. Was it necessary to smear Senate on the front page? Even the Stroller got on the bandwagon eluding to the insignificance of Student Senate as an organization on this campus. If Senate is not even worth knowing, or even given a second thought, why did the Missourian care to devote four major parts of the paper to this organization?

Another aspect of the reporting that perplexed me was the fact that the people that were interviewed for this article are very high up people, with apparently lots of influence and power. My question is why did the Missourian involve a Student Press lawyer from Arlington, Va., when the problem seems to be in Maryville?

The issue at hand seems to be protecting the civil liberties of the student body. Is Student Senate the administration, or according to the editorial cartoon, God restricting your rights to post on this campus? Are these entities keeping you from showing support for a cause you believe in so deeply? If so, come to Student Senate at 7 p.m. on

Tuesday nights in University Club North. Tell Senate how you feel, change the rules that appear to be unconstitutional and just plain mean.

I encourage Jacob DiPietro to work a little closer to home when attempting to get quotes for a story. I also strongly encourage the Stroller to not start the same unnecessary bashing that last semester's Stroller practiced.

Sarah Derks,
senior class president

Article misinforms reader

Dear Editor,
Unfortunately, I must report that some misinformation was reported in the Feb. 12 edition of this newspaper. In the article "Students question freedoms" and "First Amendment rights in question," the powers of Student Senate were misrepresented. Student Senate is responsible for approving all signs and posters that student organizations wish to post on the Student Senate bulletin boards. Because Senate does own these bulletin boards, it does have the right to decide what can be posted on them. Very rarely does Senate not approve a sign, and it is by no means a complicated process.

As Senate's vice president of policies, I can safely say that Student Senate's by laws and policies do not include any statute that requires that fliers must be approved by Senate before they are disseminated. Senate does hold itself responsible to the Constitution of the United States, and does not make any attempt to infringe on the rights to free speech of any individual. In my opinion, Cynthia Cole and Robert Shields should not have been stopped from handing out their fliers.

Andrew Saeger,
Student Senate vice president of policies

Stroller should apologize

Dear Editor,
Of course, certain people have long held a bias against our fraternities and sororities viewing them solely as opportunities for freshmen to pay money to have friends exactly like them, but old enough to buy beer. Furthermore, the Stroller has a long tradition of providing anonymity for hacks to publish poorly-written, ill-reasoned, unresearched, knee-jerk comments on whenever happens to cross their minds — a short crossing at any rate.

However, our much-abused fraternity men should take particular umbrage at last week's Stroller. Our heroine merely pretends to attack Roper's arguments, not by addressing the arguments themselves but through naive name-calling (you can be sure calling him a gasp! "liberal" hit him where it hurt), all while providing more ammo for the anti-frat party.

She says, for instance, that the Select 2000 initiative, directed by the national leadership of some fraternities in an effort to curb both excessive drinking and, more importantly, escalating insurance premiums, would damage the membership rolls of Maryville's fraternities. But, as any young pledge will tell you, frat life is about brotherhood & service, not drinking, so the Stroller is clearly wrong.

The Stroller implicitly argues that the "brotherhood & service" rap is crap and that fraternity life is indeed about getting wasted. Northwest's fraternities should demand that she apologize and, furthermore, they should do everything in their power to demonstrate that she is wrong — perhaps by listening carefully to the constructive criticism of faculty members who do care deeply that their students derive every benefit they can from the University experience (which included both academics and having a good time).

Kenton Wilcox

It's Your Turn

Do you think the United States should go to war with Iraq? Why?



"No, I think we have a lot of negative diplomatic faults. We have not accomplished the objectives to my understanding."

Frank Baudino,
head librarian



"No, we shouldn't have a war because of gasoline. American soldiers don't die for the country. They die for gasoline."

Baris Sahin,
computer science major



"Yes, the U.S. should go to war, so Saddam Hussein wouldn't keep on aggravating the U.S. anymore."

Marcus Whitworth,
accounting and finance major



"I think we should because they need to get something done but then again they need to compromise and come to a more peaceful decision. Because a war doesn't solve anything."

Cristina Sowards,
Smoothies girl



"No, because Russia told us not to fight with Iraq. (If we do) then Russia will get mad at us and kill us."

Michelle Frew,
undecided major



"Yes, because Saddam's had enough chances to back away. So something has to be done."

Corey Murphy,
geography major



"I'll leave it up to the president to decide what's best. I'll leave it up to the expertise of the president and the government."

Kent Marlow,
Bearcat Bookstore

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Festival brings authors to campus

Writers, musicians share accomplishments with University members

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

A wealth of noted authors gathered to share their literary works during the Tower Festival of Literary Arts Monday and Tuesday.

Throughout the festival, works were presented in a variety of ways. "If you look at the things the people read (at the festival) they're very small things," featured writer LeAnn Keenan Francis said. "But they take on a larger meaning when you change the perspective, and I think that's important to get people's slants on things, and to make you think."

Northwest's distinguished English professor William Trowbridge said the purpose of the festival was to bring students and writers together.

"The goal of the festival is to bring living writers into the presence of students," Trowbridge said. "It's a chance for them to see that works are being created all the time and it gives some exposure to students."

The activities marked the second time the festival took place. Last year, the festival received such a good response that it was scheduled again this year, Trowbridge said.

"It was quite a success judging by the responses we've gotten back and the overwhelming attendance we had," Trowbridge said.

Featured writer John Akers thrilled his audience Monday night with a musical performance of his own songs, as well as classics of the past. He writes and chooses to perform music from a wide range of influential material such as gospel, pop, folk, punk and country.

Trowbridge was also among the authors Tuesday. He read several of his comical poems on subjects ranging from the struggle between a father and son while building a model airplane to thoughts from the point



Poet Gulli Coniglio speaks at Tuesday's Literary Festival in the University Conference Center. Coniglio works as senior salesclerk at The Bookstop on Main Street. She is also an editor for "The

Advocate," the newsletter for the Maryville chapter of American Association of University Women. Coniglio also has had her poems nationally published in "A Certain Attitude: Poems by Seven Texas Women."

John Petrovic/Staff Photographer

of view of King Kong.

The literary festival also featured Jonis Agee, whose first two novels were New York Times Notable Books of the Year, and Jim Simmerman, whose work was nominated for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

Many of the writers became interested in writing simply by reading the works of others and taking creative writing classes.

The writers believe it is important for people to understand literature, because it has an influence on the world around us.

"It's a reflection of the world," featured writer Gulli Coniglio said. "People who write want to connect. Although the writers have received many honors, they realize not everything will turn out the way they hope."

"I tend to paralyze myself," Keenan Francis said. "(I say), 'OK, this has to be perfect,' and then I just can't do anything. You just have to let yourself be bad and not everything you put on paper or on the computer has to be wonderful. You just have to show up and see what happens."

“People who write want to connect. Although the writers have received many honors, they realize not everything will turn out the way they hope.”

Gulli Coniglio, featured writer

Modern language, music departments unite to educate students, residents

by Jason Kilndt
Missourian Staff

The world came to Maryville for dinner. Students and residents celebrated the multicultural affairs dinner Tuesday in the Student Union.

The dinner is a cooperative effort between students in the modern languages department and the music department to bring together education and fun.

"It introduces people, both students and faculty, to European style (of dining) and tastes," said Louise Horner, modern languages instructor.

The six-course meal was separated with an entertainment piece between each dish. The musical theme for the event was French pieces from the 19th and 20th centuries. The entertainment featured pianists, singers and even a Mexican hat dance.

"We have a professor from Monterrey (Mexico) and he and some students performed the dance for us," Horner said.

The food consisted of dishes from Spain, Mexico, Canada and France. More than 100 people participated in the event.

This was the sixth year the dinner has been sponsored by the members of Alpha Mu Gamma and Phi Sigma Iota.

"They are separate as national organizations, but here at Northwest, the two function together as a modern language club," Horner said, who is also the adviser for Alpha Mu Gamma.

The students do not cook the food, but they do get the experience of serving their customers and acting as hosts and hostesses for the night. The planning and preparation for the event are a major part of the dinner.

"We had many compliments on the entertainment and food," Horner said.

Horner said the dinner accomplished its goal of showing various aspects of culture, and she was pleased with the turnout.



Professor Armando Gonzalez and Adriana Albers finish the dance "El Jarabe tapatio" at the Festival of Cultures Tuesday night.

Darren Papek/Photography Director

Smoking ban raises stink in halls

by Amy Smith
Contributing Writer

A recent proposal by the Residence Hall Association may cause future conflicts with residents.

The proposal will eliminate smoking on all residence hall floors.

"When I first got here six years ago, it was fifty-fifty for smoking rooms," said Mark Hetzler, interim assistant for the vice president of Student Affairs. "They have since phased it out to one smoking floor per hall and Phillips (Hall) is already smoke-free."

The proposal suggests that the smoking ban will be slowly phased in over a course of semesters.

"The earliest this can be finalized will be in November," Hetzler said. "So the earliest it could take effect would be the fall of 1999."

Hetzler said it is too late for the proposal to take effect in the fall of 1998.

Heather Libby, a resident assistant

on a smoking floor in Hudson Hall, said not many of her residents "actually smoke."

"Only five out of 13 of my residents actually smoke," Libby said. "I don't find it a problem to work on a smoking floor."

Bethany Hutschreider is an RA in Millikan Hall and lives on a non-smoking floor. She said the smoke sometimes startles you when you walk up to a smoking floor.

"I can definitely smell the smoke when I am doing rounds," Hutschreider said. "If I had to live there, it would bother me, but I don't."

Adrian Jones, policies committee chair for RHA, is in charge of the proposal. Jones, as well as his committee, have done a lot of research to find out student demands for smoking floors.

"There are a great deal of smokers who do not want to live on a smoking floor for various reasons," Jones said. "There are (also) residents

who did not want to live on a smoking floor, but were placed there anyway, due to a lack of non-smoking facilities."

BryAnn Cook, a non-smoker who lives on a smoking floor in Hudson Hall, said you can't really smell the smoke.

"I think the way they have it now is good," Cook said. "I can't smell it in the hall, but when you walk into certain rooms you can really smell it."

Brigid James is a smoker who lives on a smoking floor in Hudson. She said the students will still smoke, but will find ways to get around it.

"They are going to smoke whether they are able to or not," James said.

The policy committee conducted three open forums to discuss the residents' opinions on the proposal.

The first session was in South Complex, and the attendance was high. Two other forums, in Hudson Hall and Dieterich Hall had low attendance.

In Brief

Student teachers schedule meeting

A meeting for fall semester student teachers will be at 4 p.m. Feb. 25 at the University Conference Center.

For more information, contact Michael Graham at 562-1541.

Spring Career Day slated for Tuesday

Spring Career Day will be from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Union Ballroom.

Many businesses, companies and government agencies will be present for students to gather information

about job opportunities and internships. Professional dress is recommended. Participants should also bring copies of their résumé. Web registration is required to participate in on-campus interviews or internship opportunities.

For more information, contact Career Services at 562-1250.

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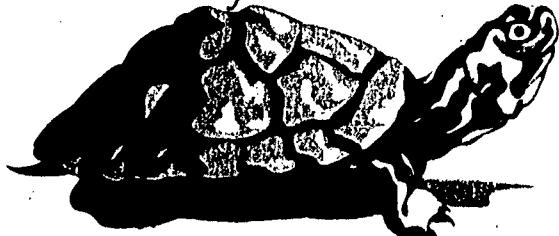
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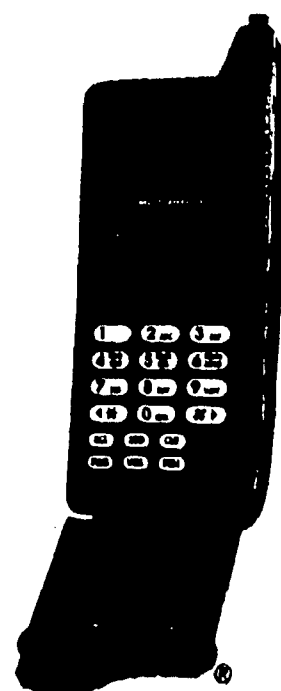
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Construction continues at Mozingo

■ Additional features, improvements enhance lake area this summer

by Nicole Fuller
Assignment Director

Mozingo Lake will offer residents additional features this summer because of construction during the winter months.

The Conservation Department has been working on several different areas that will make improvements to the park.

"They are doing about \$500,000 worth of work and have about 85 percent finished," David Middleton, Mozingo Lake superintendent, said.

One of the projects will be a 90 by 32 foot concrete boat ramp. Restroom facilities and a fish cleaning station will be constructed near the boat ramp.

It will also have a 60-car and trailer parking lot.

Another feature in the park will be a new fishing dock.

"There will be the handicap-accessible fishing dock," Middleton said. "It will have about a 15-car parking lot and restroom facilities. It will be accessible all the way down to the dock."

The dock will be about 35 by 28 feet with a 200-foot sidewalk

that is approved by the American Disabilities Act, Middleton said.

There will be a 15-car with trailer parking lot and a smaller boat ramp on the northwest end of the lake. There will also be a 10-car parking lot for hikers and hunters on the northeast side of the lake.

Maryville will focus on laying the asphalt for the roads.

"March 2 we will open bids on the asphalt," Middleton said. "We are going to start at (U.S.) 136 and go as far as we can go to the gravel road in front of the golf course."

The city is hoping to asphalt to at least a mile-and-a-half, and the approximate cost of the construction will be around \$190,000, Middleton said.

The Maryville City Council also passed an ordinance in its first reading that would allow people to swim off their boats up to 50 feet in designated areas. Council members will vote Monday for its second reading.

The areas included are the southwest cove near the handicap fishing dock and the two smaller coves on the southeast side near the dam overflow and emergency spillway.

"I think the coves are better than having it out in the middle of the lake," Middleton said. "It is going to be as safe as you are going to get and people are going to do it."



The new ramp built to accommodate handicapped visitors at Mozingo leads from the parking lot to the water's edge.

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Photography Director

Summer fun

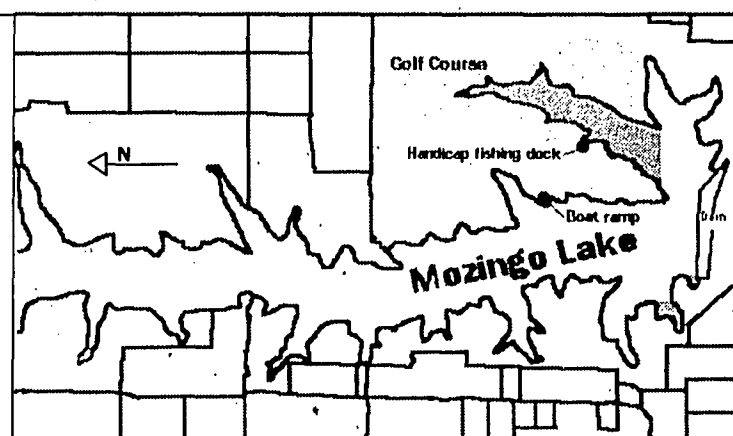
New features to Mozingo Lake.

■ Boat ramp located on the southeast side of the lake near the beach area.

■ Handicap fishing dock located in the finger of the lake on the southeast side

■ Shaded areas indicate possible off boat swimming areas located in three areas — in the finger of the lake, and two smaller coves by the dam

Nicole Fuller/Assignment Director



Flu virus plagues Nodaway County

by Kelsey Lowe
Missourian Staff

The flu virus hit Nodaway County harder than usual this year. It prompted the West Nodaway County R-I school district to cancel school Feb. 2.

There were 60 to 90 students absent with the flu every day the last week of January, superintendent Steve Andes said.

"There is a certain point in time when (illness is) unproductive to the education process," Andes said. "It didn't seem to be getting any better, so we decided to have a three-day weekend. When we did come back, absenteeism was down considerably."

About 96 percent of the district's 410 students would have been present on a normal day, Andes said.

Barbara Heckathorn, Eugene Field Elementary School principal, said there seems to be two different types of illnesses going around school.

"One is a respiratory illness and the other is a respiratory/vomiting-type illness," Heckathorn said.

However, the health of Eugene Field's 465 students has improved since the worst case scenario about three weeks ago.

"At the high point, we had about 65 students out, but in the past few

days about 30 have been out sick each day, so it's getting better," Heckathorn said. "Normally, we would have about 10 (absent)."

The absence rate at Washington Middle School was even higher among its 480 students. The last week of January was also the worst time for them, with 70 students absent one day, school nurse Stacia Thompson said.

"The problem with it this year is that it lasts so long," Thompson said. "With the upper respiratory-type bug with a high fever, cough and severe congestion, students have been out a minimum of four to five days. If they try to come back too soon or push too hard, they're back down again."

Thompson said that throughout this flu season, as many as 80 students have come to see her in one day. She sees about 30 students on a normal day.

Parental support of each school has been a key to the prevention of the illness lasting any longer than necessary.

"The parents have been very good about monitoring it and trying to keep children home when they are sick," Heckathorn said. "We encourage parents not to send the children back until 24 hours after they are fever-free."

Marcia Beason, LPN and St. Francis Family Health Care nursing

supervisor, said the flu is typically present before obvious symptoms even present themselves.

"Usually, it's contagious from a couple of days before the symptoms occur until they're fever-free for 24-48 hours," Beason said. "A fever usually occurs for three to five days, but people should contact their physician if it lasts longer or if there is ear pain or difficulty breathing."

Quick tips for flu prevention

The following are suggestions to prevent the spread of the flu virus from Marcia Beason, St. Francis Family Health Care nursing supervisor:

- Wash hands frequently
- Clean surfaces many people come into contact with, such as in work areas
- Get plenty of rest
- Maintain a well-balanced diet
- Wash dishes in dishwasher or add bleach to rinse water



Principal receives recognition

by M.J. Vinson
Missourian Staff

It's not every day that a principal is recognized as one of the nation's most outstanding administrators.

Sue Dorrel, the principal of St. Gregory's grade school, won the Distinguished Principal's Award for her leadership in Catholic education.

Dorrel, along with 12 other administrators nationwide, will receive the award in April at the National Catholic Education Association's annual convention in Los Angeles.

"The award is a gift to everyone," Dorrel said. "I hope everyone (connected with the school) understand that. It takes so many people for this to happen."

Dorrel has been the principal of St. Gregory's for five years and has continued building on the foundation of her predecessors. Dorrel has taught at the secondary and post-secondary levels in public schools. As the first lay principal at St. Gregory's, she takes pride in the school and respects the Catholic educational program.

"The faculty, staff, parents and students are what makes the school," Dorrel said. "The hard work of these individuals has placed St. Gregory's as a leader in education."

The staff also recognizes Dorrel's dedication to improving the students' education.

Sue Seipel, first-grade teacher, said Dorrel shows students she is concerned with their spiritual, physical and



■ Sue Dorrel
St. Gregory's principal

"The award is a gift to everyone... It takes so many people for this to happen."

intellectual growth.

Dorrel often reads to Seipel's class and has dressed as a farmer and an angel on separate occasions to further develop her relationships with the students.

"She comes into the classroom and does a lot of things as far as helping us out as teachers," Seipel said. "It shows the students she likes to participate and play an active role in their learning, by involving herself as a principal in their daily lives."

Over the past five years, Dorrel, with the support of many others, has taken strides to improve the school and prepare for its future. They have worked together to provide effective programming and leadership in many areas, especially in extracurricular activities and technology.

The school also added an early childhood center and multipurpose building under her direction. The school offers day-care, preschool, elementary school and various after-school programs.

Dorrel was nominated by the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocesan School Board.

Dorrel, her husband, Gene, and their children have plans to attend the awards ceremony.

In Brief

Cancer Society plans daffodil fund-raiser

The Nodaway County American Cancer Society will welcome spring by celebrating Daffodil Days with flower deliveries from March 6-8.

The flowers serve as a symbol of hope to cancer patients.

The daffodils are \$1 per flower, \$7 for small bouquets, \$10 for large bouquets, \$75 for 250 flowers and \$150 for 500 flowers. Proceeds will be used for cancer research, education and service for Nodaway County residents.

For more information or to place

an order contact Chris Pavalis at 562-5688 or Michael Vinson at 582-5621.

Restaurant prepares for March opening

A new steakhouse will be opening in Maryville.

Zipp's Fairground Restaurant is scheduled to open sometime in mid-March said owner Zipp Renshaw.

The steakhouse will be located in the building that was formerly Sarah's Family Restaurant. It is being remodeled and will be an accessory of the nearby Microtel Inn & Suites.

Rural health group invites new members

The Health Council will have a meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at the St. Francis Hospital Hospitality Room.

Those interested in joining one of the Community Solutions for Rural Health task groups are invited to attend.

Nodaway County is one of three counties in Missouri participating in the project. For more information, contact Mitzi Lutz at the Missouri Regional Council of Governments at 582-5121.



Court Watch

■ Jermaine Simmons pled guilty to felony charge of passing back checks. It is under investigation at the present time. Judge John Andrews ordered him to reappear March 23 for sentencing.

■ Terry Troncin pled guilty to a misdemeanor to marijuana. He was ordered to serve 90 days in jail. Troncin's probation was revoked on a previous stealing offense. He was ordered to serve five years in the penitentiary.

■ John H. Gill was on probation for possession of marijuana. His probation was revoked, and he was ordered to serve five years in the penitentiary. The court retains jurisdiction.

■ Terry Lee Ross pled guilty to all eight counts of distribution of controlled substance. Four counts were for the sale of methamphetamine and four counts were for the sale of marijuana. He was ordered to reappear March 23 for presentencing.

■ Jackie Crawford pled guilty to felony charge of passing bad checks. The court suspended sentence. She was placed on probation for four years and is to serve 40 hours of public service and restitution.

■ Ronnie E. Evans' preliminary hearing is set for March 2. He remains in custody of the sheriff.

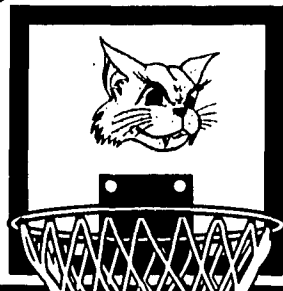
■ Clint Taylor will appear in court March 24 at 9:30 a.m. for deposition.

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Public Safety

February 10

■ A fire unit responded to the 600 block of East Seventh Street in reference to a vehicle leaking gasoline. A solvent was applied and the area was washed down.

February 11

■ A local business reported that person(s) had taken two gold rings with stones in the center. Estimated value was \$299.

■ While Donald O'Riley, Hopkins, was parked, his vehicle was struck by a vehicle that then left the scene.

February 12

■ Dorothy V. Serna, New Mexico, Mo., struck the vehicle of Donna M. Renshaw, Skidmore, then backed into the vehicle of Scott E. Wilmes, Maryville. Serna was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Officers responded to a loud party in the 1100 block of North College Drive. They observed Janet M. Tierney, 20, Maryville, with an alcoholic beverage. She was given a summons for minor in possession. The occupants, Tiffanie L. Sly, 21, and Megan McFee, 22, were both given summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

February 13

■ An officer responded to a local establishment after receiving a complaint that a male subject had attempted to enter their business, and they were questioning his identification. Upon arrival, the subject was questioned, and he denied that it was his identification. He was finally identified as Erin S. Larison, 17, St. Joseph. He was issued a summons for providing false information to a police officer and for possessing a falsified identification card.

■ An officer took a report from a school bus driver that a female had failed to stop while the bus was unloading on the corner of First and

Vine streets. Contact has not been made with the driver.

■ A Maryville female reported that she had been receiving harassing phone calls.

■ A Barnard female reported that while her vehicle was parked in the 1000 block of South Main Street, \$30 and approximately 10 compact discs were taken.

■ A Maryville male reported that his vehicle sustained a scratch on the driver's side door, while it was parked in the 1500 block of South Munn Street. Later that day, the passenger's side door was scratched in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

■ A fire unit responded to the 200 block of West Seventh Street. The occupant said he heard a noise and a small flash in the kitchen. When he entered the kitchen, he could smell smoke. An investigation of the residence did not reveal anymore fire or smoke.

■ Dennis R. VanGundy was stopped in traffic on South Main Street. His vehicle was struck from behind by Ruth J. Warner, Skidmore. Warner said her vehicle was hit in the rear by another vehicle that left the scene. Warner was given a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

February 14

■ A 1987 Buick was towed from the 400 block of North Buchanan Street, where it was illegally parked.

■ A local business reported that three males left without paying for their meals. The cost of the meals was \$37.05.

February 15

■ Fire units responded to a structure fire on the 300 block of East Fourth Street. Upon arrival, the second floor had heavy smoke. It was determined the smoke was coming from a bedroom, and the fire was contained to that room and extinguished. The room received heavy smoke and heat damage. All contents were a total loss. There was no other damage to

the rest of the structure.

■ A Maryville male reported that his company's delivery truck was parked in the 1100 block of North Mulberry Street. He went to check on it and the rear door was open.

■ Allen L. Godsey, Ravenwood, was traveling west on First Street and was entering the construction zone east of the 102 River bridge. He said a vehicle ahead of him suddenly applied its brakes, and when he applied his brakes he lost control, left the roadway and struck a utility pole. No citations were issued.

February 16

■ An officer served a warrant to Leslie D. Graf, 21, Maryville, for failure to appear. She was released on bond.

February 17

■ An officer served a warrant to Michelle L. Hensley, 25, King City, for failure to appear. She was released on bond.

■ A Maryville male reported the theft of his daughter's bicycle from his yard. It was described as a small lavender frame with pink seat and handle grips. Estimated loss was \$25.

■ William R. Bell was stopped in traffic on North Main Street and was rear ended by Lisa M. Gregory. Gregory was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Jennifer L. Clement, Maitland, was pulling from a private drive heading east on College Avenue and struck Sarah A. Carhill, Jefferson, Iowa. Clement was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Ivan W. Hayworth was in the turning lane on South Main Street. He tried to leave the turning lane and struck John A. Bears, Barnard. Hayworth was issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ Christopher L. Bowles was on East First Street attempting to make a turn and turned into the path of Teddy E. Hanson. Bowles was issued a citation for failure to yield.

New Arrival

Corby Ronald Walker

Ronnie and Brenda Walker, Grant City, are the parents of Corby Ronald, born Feb. 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Euclid and Mary Cadrette, Lisbon, N.Y.; and Denzil and Virginia Walker, Grant City.

Campus Safety

February 10

■ A student reported damage to their vehicle while it was parked on campus. After an interview, it was found that the owner inflicted damage on their own vehicle.

February 12

■ Campus Safety arrested a subject on campus on a warrant.

■ Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency in a building on campus. Emergency Medical Services transported the patient to St. Francis Hospital.

■ Campus Safety investigated a report of property damage to a building on campus. An investigation was initiated.

February 13

■ Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in a building on campus. It was a false alarm.

February 14

■ Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in a building on campus. After an investigation, it was reported that the fire alarm was caused by burning paper.

■ Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency in a building on campus. Emergency Medical Services transported the patient to St. Francis Hospital.

Obituaries

Madgel Penisten

Madgel Penisten, 86, Vassar, Kan., died Feb. 8 at Osage Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Vassar, Kan. She was born in Jan. 16, 1912, to Thomas and Lucy Penisten in Maryville.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were Wednesday at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

Dorothy Bowland

Dorothy M. Bowland, 82, Maryville, died Feb. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born July 8, 1915, to Earl and Stella Rowe in Maryville.

Survivors include one daughter, Beverly Auten; one son, Jerry Park; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two nieces and two nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

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to work for change.

Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs, said he does not believe there is anything wrong with the policy in the handbook, except that perhaps it is not clear enough.

"The bigger question is how do you carry out the policy?" Porterfield said. "The intent, as I read it, is that groups register when they're going to be on campus. It doesn't appear to prohibit people from distributing information."

The purpose of the University's rule is not to impose upon students'

rights, Porterfield said.

"The last thing I think you want to do on a college campus is inhibit free discussion about issues," Porterfield said. "It's fine to demonstrate. It's fine to pass out information, but there's a process for going about doing that."

The University should definitely reevaluate its position on the policy before next year's handbook is published, Porterfield said.

He said the first thing it must do is determine whether the policy does what Northwest wants it to do.

"Secondly, (we must determine) what is the best way to carry it out so that you don't create further problems or confusion," Porterfield said.

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"If they miss the day, this opportunity is not (coming) back," Harris-Lewis said. "This is the only opportunity to provide some sort of significant feedback."

One of the goals for the day is to have as many students and faculty members attend as possible. To do so, Harris-Lewis is asking all professors to excuse their students.

"By the same token, we are also asking the students actually do attend if the teachers do work with that al-

lowing them to miss class, not just take a day off," Harris-Lewis said.

Although Provost Tim Gilmour permitted faculty members to dismiss their classes, the final decision is up to individual professors, said Keith Rhodes, co-chair of the Quality Classroom Committee.

This time the semi-annual program will focus more on students. The word, symposium, is no longer used because it is a vague word that many students cannot identify, Harris-Lewis said.

A student committee assisted by a faculty committee planned and prepared for the event.

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Bearcats crumble to Ichabods, 78-68

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

The 'Cats were downed by the Washburn Ichabods, 78-68, Wednesday, temporarily spoiling their shot as the lone conference champion and halting their 14-game winning streak. The 'Cats came out to a slow start falling behind 19-2.

"It was an awful frustrating first two minutes," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said in the KNIM post-game show.

Coming out to such a poor start, one might think the 'Cats were caught looking past Washburn.

"You're concerned that when you clinch a tie for conference that you might get content," Tappmeyer said before the game.

"I thought our guys came out playing hard, but we weren't very sharp and we didn't have the concentration," he said after the game.

A technical foul assessed to Washburn head coach Bob Chipman in the first half sparked a big run for Northwest.

"I think our defense got us back in it," Tappmeyer said.

The 'Cats finally got the lead in the second half but were too fatigued and had lost sophomore guard Phil Simpson and junior forward LeVant Williams to five fouls.

"You spend a lot coming back like that," Tappmeyer said. "We just didn't have anything left to comeback with."

Northwest 75 CMSU 58

The 'Cats won their 14th straight game and clinched a tie for the conference title, Saturday against Central Missouri State University 75-58.

The game was not near as close as when the two faced Feb. 2.

"The thing we did have going for us was that LeVant Williams did not play up here," Tappmeyer said.

Williams was named MIAA player of the week after averaging 23.7 points and eight rebounds in the 'Cats' two games last week.

Williams' presence supplied the 'Cats with 20 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks against the Mules.

The 'Cats will tangle with the Missouri Western State College Griffons at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena.



Phil Simpson drops in a deuce against the Washburn University Ichabods earlier this season. The 'Cats lost at Washburn Wednesday, 78-68.

John Petrovic/Staff Photographer

Women drop game to Washburn, 68-57

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

After months of practices and games, the women's basketball team is in the final week of the regular season that started with two losses to Central Missouri State University and Washburn University.

The 'Cats fell first to Central 85-79, Saturday and then to Washburn, 68-57, Wednesday despite 21 points by Allison Edwards.

The 'Cats are in fourth place in the MIAA conference and must maintain at least fourth place in order to play the first round of the postseason tournament at home.

"Playing at home is a big concern right now," head coach Wayne Winstead said. "We really need to play here the first game to get that added advantage."

They need a win over rival Missouri Western State College Saturday to keep them in the top four.

"They are a very talented team

and this is a very big game," Winstead said. "The girls know they will have to play their best. This one should determine our final ranking and where we will play out first postseason contest."

Missouri Western comes into the matchup 21-7 overall and the Griffons have not been at full strength for over a month because of injuries. They will have every-one available Saturday.

"They've changed a lot since the beginning of the season," Winstead said. "At the outset of the year, they had many injuries and were guard-oriented. Now they are very balanced. We have to be aware of them as a whole team."

A win against the Griffons should put Northwest at home. Winstead said every game from here on out will be critical.

"The girls know and I know that every game is vital," Winstead said. "We have to be careful not to overdo things. Tired legs won't help our execution but come game time they will be ready to lay it all out on the floor."

Awards dinner honors athletes

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

Each sport had its 15 minutes of fame at the M-Club Sports Banquet Sunday night.

The banquet, which was split into three different sessions, honored athletes who participated in sports this fall and last spring.

Plaques for breaking school records, along with letters, academic honors and recognition were awarded to the athletes in front of a crowd of approximately 430 to 450 people, including families.

M-Club secretary Kathy Kearns, who spoke about what it means to be a Bearcat athlete, said the event is for more than just the athletes.

"It gives the coaches an opportunity to congratulate and thank the athletes," Kearns said. "It allows each sport to know what the other sports accomplished. (The banquet) is neat, because we all put in so much work, and this gives us the recognition we deserve."

The banquet is a standing Northwest tradition and it takes place twice a year.

Track prepares for conference meet

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

Like a good engine, the gears of the indoor track teams must be constantly tested and tuned.

The Mule Relays in Warrensburg last Friday and the NIAC Championships in Nebraska this weekend will help the teams prepare for the MIAA Championships March 1 and 2.

The women's team made its way to the top of the Mule Relays, in spite of competing against more than 20 teams.

Led by top finishers, seniors Julie Humphreys in the shot put and weight throw and Carrie Sindelar in the 800-meter run, along with junior Brandy Haan in the 55-meter dash, the team took high marks in several events.

Haan also broke the school record and provisionally qualified in the 55-meter dash. She also picked up a second- and third-place finish in the 200-meter and 400-meter dash, respectively.

Freshman Diana Hughes' also had a record setting day. Her leap in the long jump was good enough to break the school record, provisionally qualify her

for the national meet and place her second in the meet Friday.

Humphreys' first-place toss in the shot put notched her over the national provisional qualifying mark as well.

Humphreys and others who have provisionally qualified must wait to see if their mark is good enough to go to the national meet.

Coach Bud Williams said the team will hopefully be healthy for the competition against several unfamiliar NAIA schools.

"We are leading performance wise in a lot of events now and hope to have two throwers back which will definitely strengthen the team," Williams said. "The meet will be a good tune up for conference. We will look at it as a testing board. Just because we will be running against smaller schools this weekend, we cannot let down."

Men look toward NIAC in Nebraska

The men also traveled to CMSU for the Mule Relays, but did not finish where they wanted to be at this point in the season.

Senior Chad Sutton, juniors Robby

Lane and Don Ferree and freshman Frank Taylor offered bright spots for the team. Sutton's top finish in the high jump was the only first-place finish for the Bearcat men.

Head coach Rich Alsop said the men could improve in some phases of their meet.

"We did some things really well and some things not very well at Central," Alsop said. "We are not in bad shape if we come through a little tougher. We just have to continue to get ready, step it up and compete a little better."

The team will compete at another unscored meet Friday at the NIAC Championships.

The competition will be similar to that of the Doane meet the men participated in a few weeks ago, Alsop said.

"There will be some good competition and a handful of good athletes from each squad," Alsop said. "We will run most of the men in only one event, besides the jumpers and throwers. The meet will allow us a chance to get seeding times. The better times we get (this weekend), the better chance we have at getting in the fast heat at conference."



Wendy Broker/University Sports Editor

Sophomore Matt Abele leaps into the pit in the long jump competition Friday at the Mule Relays in Warrensburg.

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Five wrestlers will vie for state crown



Senior Adam Chadwick takes the position of advantage during his match at Saturday's sectionals. Chadwick and four other 'Hounds advanced to state.

■ **Spoofhounds ready to battle Missouri's best this week in Columbia**

by **Alex Berry**
Missourian Staff

The Maryville Spoofhounds will try their luck at earning some individual hardware Thursday at the 1998 Missouri State High School Wrestling Tournament in Columbia.

Senior Mark Anderson (119 lbs.), junior D.J. Merrill (130 lbs.), seniors Ryan Castillo (135 lbs.), Jeremy Lliteras (140 lbs.) and Adam Chadwick (152 lbs.), will be making the journey to the state championship for the 'Hounds wrestling team.

The state tournament will take place at the Hearnes Center on the University of Missouri campus.

Although the tournament starts Thursday, most of the wrestlers are looking forward to being in contention for medals Saturday.

Anderson has his sights set on earning a medal in his last season as a high school wrestler. Anything less would be a disappointment for him.

"I won't be happy unless I am in the finals," Anderson said. "This is my fourth appearance at state, and I want to make it my best."

Head coach Joe Drake has been keeping practices shorter and concentrating on conditioning and drilling instead of new techniques.

Drake has also implemented a more optimistic attitude in his grapplers.

Even though some of Maryville's wrestlers have tough first-round matches at state, he assured them they could all go far.

He said all five state of the state-bound wrestlers have a legitimate shot to take home medals for the Spoofhounds.

"I am going to wrestle the best I can and whatever happens, happens," Castillo said. "If I perform to the best of my abilities, I will walk off the mat satisfied."

The sectional tournament last Saturday was the qualifying tournament before state and included twice as many teams as districts the previous weekend.

Drake said the sectional competition was much tougher than the district tournament, but was pleased with the performance of his team as a whole.

"They all wrestled well," Drake said. "Even the guys that didn't qualify made a good effort."

Anderson and Lliteras were also happy with their performances. Both finished sectionals by winning a medal.

"You can't really be disappointed with first," Anderson said.

Castillo realized he performed the best he could and was pleased with his second-place finish, although, he still would have liked to place first if he could.

Castillo said placing first at the sectional tournament would have given him a higher seed for the state meet.

Despite dropping his champion-

"I won't be happy unless I am in the finals. This is my fourth appearance at state, and I want to make it my best."

■ **Mark Anderson, state-bound wrestler, Maryville High School**

ship match, Castillo believes his techniques worked well and hopes to carry his success to state.

"I wrestled good all day," Castillo said. "Even the last match that I lost didn't upset me."

Merrill and Chadwick also qualified for state placing third and fourth, respectively.

"I am looking forward to going to state," Chadwick said. "My plan is to get there, wrestle hard and enjoy the whole experience."

Merrill said he is looking forward to going to the state tournament for the first time.

He said he will try to learn from his experience this season and he hopes it will help him for his senior year.

Merrill already has aspirations of getting back to state again next season.

Bench Warmer

Judge makes right decision in golfer's case

"The Special Olympics" is where one of my colleagues believes Casey Martin should play golf.

Funny, huh? Not really.

Martin has a

disease in his

right leg which

makes it nearly

impossible for him to stand for long

periods of time, let alone walk the

long, rolling hills of a golf course.

A judge in Martin's hometown

of Eugene, Ore., awarded him the

right to use a cart during profes-

sional tournaments.

During the trial, the PGA Tour

claimed walking was an essential

part of the game, despite admitting

Martin was handicapped and could

not safely walk the course like the

other competitors.

Not surprisingly, Martin winning

the use of a cart has the PGA

Tour's elite whining in protest.

"He's cheating."

"It's not fair."

"If he gets a cart, I want one

too."

Martin is not cheating the other

golfers on the PGA Tour. They are

trying to cheat him.

If Martin could have traded his

weak, diseased leg for a normal,

healthy one, I'm almost sure he

would have done it long ago.

Awarding Martin a golf cart

does not give him an advantage

over the other competitors. It

simply evens the playing field.

Anyone who has ever watched a

round of golf or played on a windy

Saturday afternoon understands

that the game is based on honor. Players

call their own penalties.

In fact, Greg Norman once

disqualified himself from a

tournament (while he was leading,

no less) when he realized he had

inadvertently used a ball that had

not been approved.

A lot of people laughed at

Norman's error and some even

questioned his judgment on

whether he should have turned

himself in at all.

The point: Norman knew what

was right. He was not going to slip

the ball in his pocket and pull out

another. He knows golf is a game

of integrity, honor and morals.

Martin would never disgrace the

sport. He just wants a shot at

playing on the PGA Tour and living

out his childhood dream.

How can the Tour deny him?

And, as for the colleague who

said Martin should head for the

Special Olympics — the only thing

on your mind should be special

education.

Funny, huh? Not really.

Scott Summers is the community sports

editor for the Northwest Missourian.



■ **Scott Summers**

Hoopster scores 47 points, breaks 23-year-old record

by **Mark Hornickel**
Chief Reporter

A 23-year-old scoring record was broken Monday night as the 'Hounds grabbed their 20th win of the year.

Senior Tylor Hardy took it to Platte County scoring 47 points in Maryville's 79-46 over the Pirates.

"It was great," Hardy said. "We were just going out there to win. I didn't even know I had (37 points) at half-time and the guys told me."

To the rest of the crowd in attendance, Hardy's spectacle was quite a feat.

"He was really awesome," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "He was a scoring machine out there. I've never seen an offensive performance like that before."

Hardy's teammates said they were just trying to get him the ball.

"He was on fire," senior John Otte said. "We know Tylor pretty well, and when he's hot, he's hot."

It was not the first time Hardy came close to the record. Earlier this year, Hardy scored 39 points against St. Pius X in the Savannah Tournament.

After coming close that night, Hardy and the players took note of the scoring record of 46 points, set by Ted Espey in 1975.

Hardy said he could not have achieved the record without the help of his teammates.

The record-breaking night overshadowed another big accomplishment for the Spoofhounds — 20 wins.

"He was on fire. We know Tylor pretty well, and when he's hot, he's hot."

■ **John Otte, boys' basketball player, Maryville High School**

"It's really magical to win 20 games in a high school season," Kuwitzky said. "I don't know if people realize how hard that actually is. You really have to play good basketball over the course of a season and get through some bad stretches."

With the win Tuesday, the 'Hounds improved their mark to 20-4, and 4-2 in conference play.

The win was a key for the 'Hounds as they prepare for the district tournament.

"We lost our fire," Hardy said. "Then, we got it back again, and now we need to keep the fire going and take it to districts."

Maryville will play its last regular season game at 5 p.m. today at Lafayette.

"Lafayette is a team that is always dangerous at home," Kuwitzky said. "They have a lot of weapons and any time you go on their floor, you can expect them to put the points up."

Girls taking season 'one game at a time'

by **Burton Taylor**
Chief Reporter

"One game at a time"—this is not an uncommon rallying cry for coaches at the end of the season.

This is exactly what Maryville head coach Jeff Martin has been telling his team.

The 'Hounds are preparing for their next game against Lafayette, at 8 p.m. Friday at home.

The 'Hounds have won 16 times this season and dropped only seven. This is the best record the team has earned since 1987. The Spoofhounds are ready to continue battling and are convinced this feat is going to mean positive things.

"The wins give us a lot of confidence," senior Abbey Lade said. "We have come out of our slump, and now we can get ready for districts."

Districts are right around the corner and Martin said the team has not been really successful in that tournament since 1983.

The plans have not changed much for Martin. He said although the team has done well so far, it will continue to concentrate on improving its playing skills and take the rest of the season one

game at a time. The homefield advantage will be appreciated by the team.

"We are just a lot more relaxed and calm right now," Martin said. "Playing at home has something to do with it."

Maryville's passing is one of the keys to its success, he said.

"When you pass the ball well, good things are going to happen, and that's what we did tonight," Martin said.

As the season has progressed, the Spoofhounds have discovered their own meaning of the word team.

"We have finally worked all of the bugs out, and we are working better as a team," Lade said.

The team battled the Platte County Pirates Tuesday and led for the entire game, eventually winning, 50-34.

Leading the team was Lade with 18 points, 11 rebounds and six assists.

Lade suffered from an injury earlier this season, and Martin said she is already back in action.

"Lade has gotten the rust kicked off of her, and she has been someone that we have wanted to have games like this one all along," Martin said.

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Your Man remembers RA work



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Weekly Wanderer thinks back to when he ruled the residence halls

I strolled my way to the Union this week. Your Man wanted to check out his results from the computer dating game.

I was hoping to be matched up with a sorority girl, because they are like no-bake cookies. You don't have to put much work into them, and they are just as good.

I was unable to eat my food over the annoying sounds of KDLX. The call letters should be SUX, because boy does it.

There was a square red thing on the table begging for attention. It said ABC across it. I figured it was something produced by Greg Roper calling the alphabet a mind-washing ploy devised by the Greeks.

Instead, it was a recruitment card for the Residential Housing Association. Your Man was once a resident assistant. I know it's hard to believe that the old Stroller was cooped up in a dorm, but it's true.

As I read the card, I thought who could shed more valuable insight on what it's truly like to be an RA than me?

Being an RA is a unique experience. One good thing is that you will get an Aladine plan. Imagine eating at the Union for an entire year — think of the possibilities.

Not to mention you could get one of those cool lids that are see through, that say to everyone you pass on the way back to your dorm, "Look, I have no friends." However, the laugh will be on them when you make them close their door at 10 p.m.

RHA conducts really cool conferences as well. There is nothing like going to Kirksville to spend the night with 10 other cool RHA people from the region.

Imagine the wild things you could do. You could take more ice than you need from the ice machine, and some of them might even sit around and talk about the problems they face. Unfortunately, it would only last until 10 p.m. because of silent hours.

Those conferences teach you valuable programs like how to regain control of your floor after an illegal water fight. The best one I went to was "that nasty mess in the toilet and how Sherlock would find out who did it."

After awhile, you start to see the humor in people coming home drunk at 3 a.m. and pulling the fire alarm. Standing outside in the rain, deprived of sleep with a test the next morning, will help you laugh with everyone at the craziness of the guys on the next floor. One positive aspect of your job is that you

can see who is sleeping with who at night.

In fact, if you are ever living in the dorm and you want to see all the guys in Hudson Hall, just pull the fire alarm. Who's going to catch you, Campus Safety?

RAs also develop immense leadership skills. First of all, you are responsible for running the show at floor meetings. You can lead the best your floor has to offer.

Looking around the room, you'll see the kid who is on ISCA 20 hours a day, the fat kid who still misses mommy and the tall, lanky kid whose clothes you would swear were picked out by his mom.

They are the only ones who showed up because no one else would be caught dead at that meeting. Yes, you and your compatriots can make earth shattering decisions such as who will be the prestigious floor president, whether to have bingo night on the floor or to make it a hall wing-ding and whether you should allow fliers in the elevator?

The best part of being an RA is getting to police 20 to 60 (according to the square red thing on my table in the Den) new 18-year-olds away from home for the first time. You may be into upper-level major classes and need to study, and they won't have a thing to do.

Oh sure you can study while they play music at levels that shake the building. Unfortunately, "Come on Barbie" on repeat will reach the level of Hanson annoyance very quickly.

You'll enjoy your time on rounds too. You can check to see if people are too loud or if they have their door shut. You'll probably even get to make an alcohol bust.

In the end, those residents will understand that you were just doing your job when you wrote them up.

After they prank call you, spread rumors about you, penny your door shut, steal your clothes while your in the shower and just detest you, they will have as little respect for you as ever.

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- Rubinstein's instrument
- Attributes
- Vermicelli, e.g.
- Hammer and sickle, e.g.
- Leander's lover
- "Hazel" cartoonist
- Fiberglass

fixative

- Track stars, at times
- Pulp author
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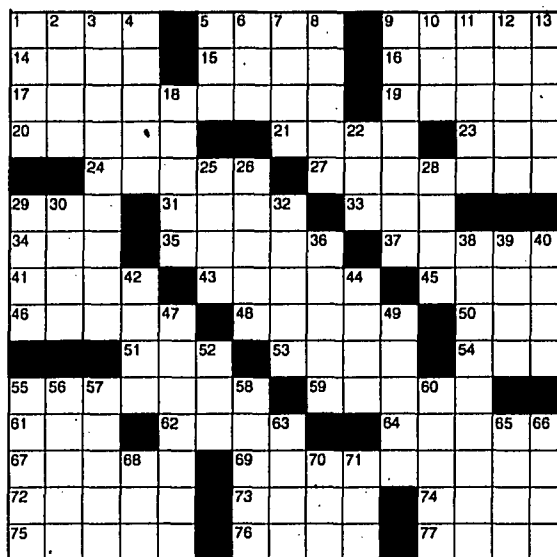
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- Rachel's sister
- CSA soldier
- Bar or Homer
- Playground structure
- Pod or corn prefix

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- "brillig" preceptor
- Above board
- Cooking stove
- Some Iberians
- The Lilacs (Alcott)
- Hectare counterpart
- 1916 hit
- Fine fogs
- The Great Plant Earth (Hal Lindsey)
- Water pitcher

Answers to last issue's puzzle

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DOWN

- Biting insect
- Carty of Baseball
- Polka instrument
- The Texaco Star Theater
- Lawn shortcut
- Fatima's husband
- Father of Enos
- Watered
- Against
- Agency once headed by GHWB
- Give it a try, in the kitchen
- Admittance

word

- Despicable ones
- Some curves
- Split tickety-split
- Inspiration
- Beethoven's last
- Chops out weeds
- Vanity Fair founder
- River to Donegal Bay
- Sum
- Tears apart
- Bolger role
- Allie's pal
- Random try
- Shed tears
- Source of

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- Bed ruffles
- Frank extra
- Deuce
- description
- Hootenanny action
- Teheran resident
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- Certain passage
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- Watchdog gp.?
- Groundless
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- Born



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Feb. 20 — K.C. Blades vs. Michigan K Wings, Kemper.
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March 14 — Joe Henderson, Folly Theatre.
March 26-29 — NCAA Hoop City, Bartle Hall.

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March 18 — Everclear, Ranch Bowl.
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April 1 — Dread Zeppelin, Ranch Bowl.
April 16 — Shrine Circus, Civic Auditorium Arena.
April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

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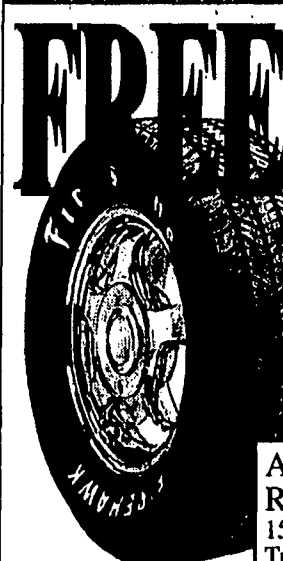
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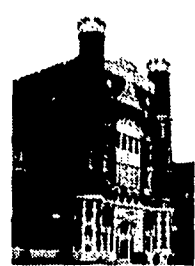
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Championship bound

'Cats, 'Hounds seek big wins, big pins

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

Two Maryville sports teams are headed down the road to a championship this weekend.

The Spoofhound wrestling team has five wrestlers going to state, and after losing to Washburn University 78-68, Wednesday, the Bearcats' men's basketball team is looking for the outright conference championship against Missouri Western State College at 7 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena.

"Part of being a good team is how you react to a big loss," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said following the 'Cats' loss to Washburn University during the KNIM postgame show.

After being picked to finish sixth in the MIAA preseason coaches' poll, Northwest has a chance to win its first conference championship since the 1986-87 season. But the 'Cats will face their biggest rival — the Griffons.

"The rivalry thing, and all that goes with it, always makes it a big game, but this could be a real special basketball game," Tappmeyer said.

An outright conference win for the 'Cats could also help the Northwest athletic program achieve something that has only happened seven times in the history of the MIAA conference. Northwest could be the first program to win the conference championship without a tie in football and basketball since 1966 when Southwest Missouri State University achieved it.

"One goal we had to begin the year (was) we said we wanted to be a team at our University that made history — that went down in the

history books," Tappmeyer said. "By tying it, you get some of that, but I think if you're a competitor, in games there are no ties, you want to stay on top by yourself."

The game will not only decide the MIAA champion but could have huge implications on the seeding of the conference and regional tournaments.

If the 'Cats and Griffons tie for the conference title, the Griffons will own the tiebreaker because of their record against non-MIAA Division II opponents and consequently have the first seed in the conference tournament.

The results of the game will also affect regional rankings. While there will be excitement in Maryville, the

Hearnes Center should be bumping as well.

Five Spoofhound wrestlers will be chasing a state title this weekend in Columbia.

Seniors Mark Anderson (119 lbs.), Ryan Castillo (135 lbs.), Jeremy Lliteras (140 lbs.) and Adam Chadwick (152 lbs.) and junior D.J. Merrill (130 lbs.) will enter the state competition with different outlooks.

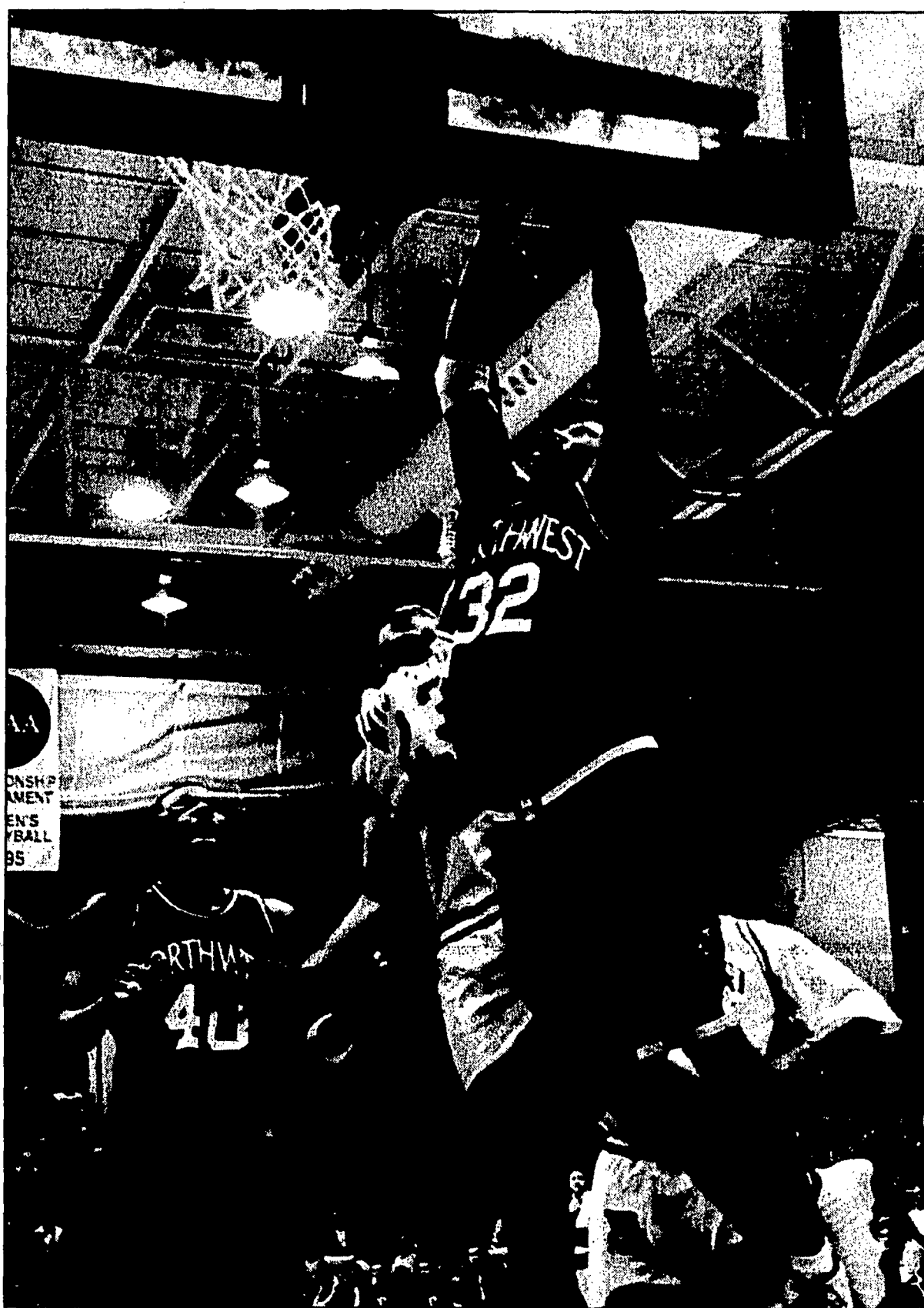
Some of the wrestlers just want to win, while others are more interested in self-satisfaction and not as focused on medals.

"I am going to wrestle the best I can and whatever happens, happens," Castillo said. "If I perform to the best of my abilities I will walk off the mat satisfied."

Anderson and Lliteras both finished first at sectionals. The wrestlers will begin their quest for a state championship today in the Hearnes Center.

Part of being a good team is how you react to a big loss.

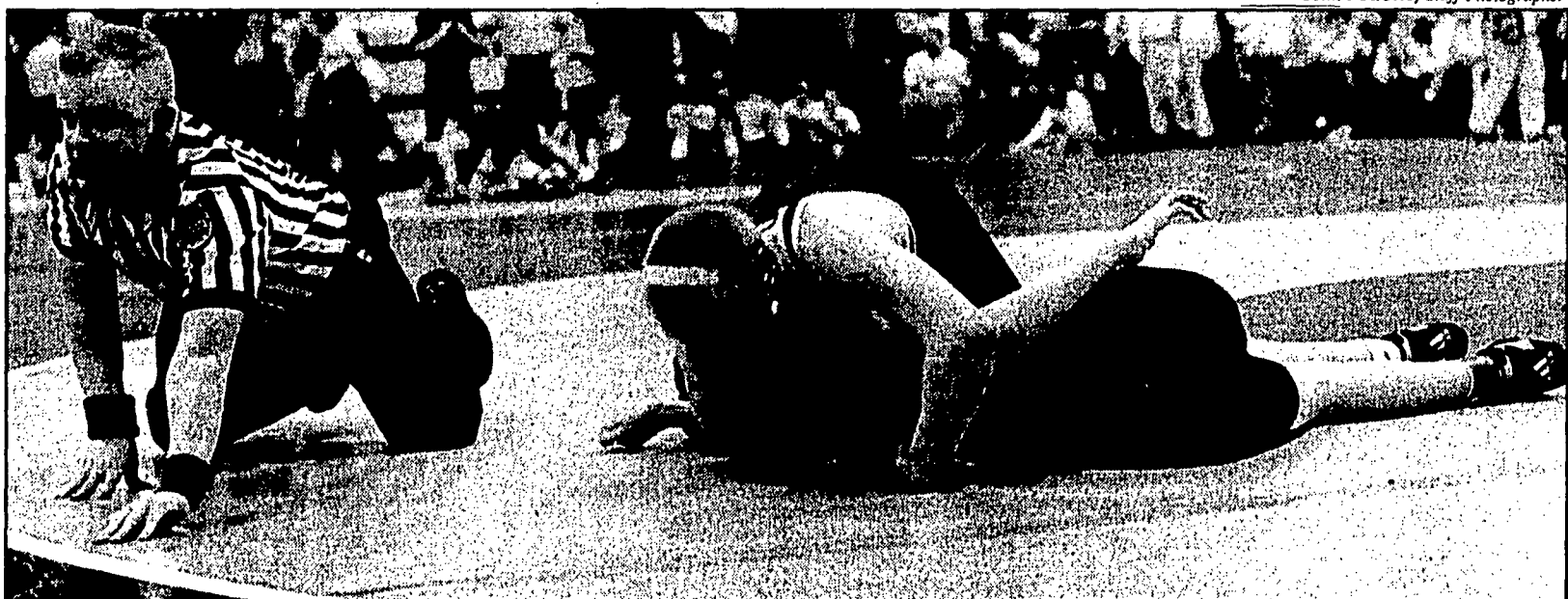
— Steve Tappmeyer, men's basketball head coach



John Petrovic/Staff Photographer

Brian Bursleson (above) takes it to the rack with authority in this season's earlier matchup against Missouri Western State College Griffons. The Bearcats will play the Griffons Saturday at Bearcat Arena for the determination of the MIAA title. Freshman Jesse Reed (right) gets the pin in last weekend's sectional tournament in Platte City. Reed is one of five Spoofhounds advancing to the state tournament today in Columbia.

Darren Papek/
Photography Director



Authorities searching for Iowa man

■ Family seeks information after relative disappears from downtown Omaha bar

by Stephanie Zellstra
Assistant News Editor

Friends, family and police are searching for information about a Council Bluffs, Iowa, man who has been missing since Feb. 11.

John Steven Conaway was last seen in Omaha, Neb., between 10 and 10:30 p.m. at Buffalo Joe's Food & Spirits near Rosenblatt Stadium in downtown Omaha. He was seen leaving in his car from Buffalo Joe's, where he and friend Randy Pitts had a few beers.

Steve is a 36-year-old white male. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 140 pounds. He has naturally curly brown hair, a mustache and goatee. He is a diabetic and his family is concerned, because he is insulin dependent.

Steve was last seen wearing a white long-sleeve button-down collared shirt with vertical blue stripes and tan pants. It

is presumed that he drove away in his car, a 1989 gold Ford Taurus four door, with Iowa license plate 977-CLN.

Steve is the brother of Northwest student NaShaa Conaway, a senior technical theater major.

NaShaa and her family have been searching Omaha looking for clues that will lead to Steve.

"The bar was the last place he was seen," NaShaa said. "The bartender remembered him and said he was in good spirits. Nothing seemed to be bothering him. He said that Steve and his friend were talking about getting golf memberships at a club and everything."

This limited information has family members, including three other siblings, baffled and concerned as to his whereabouts.

"Farnerbocken, a distributing company



■ Steve Conaway

where he is a sales representative, reported him missing because he didn't show up for work," NaShaa said. "They reported him because that was very uncharacteristic of him not to show up to work without calling or something."

NaShaa said there is not a missing person's report on Steve because there is no suspicion of foul play. All the Council Bluffs Police Department can do is classify it as an attempt to locate.

Council Bluffs Police Department said that he is an adult, and just because he hasn't contacted anyone, doesn't necessarily mean he is missing.

A report has been aired on Omaha television and radio stations.

"We just hope that by making people aware that we will be able to find him," NaShaa said. "We are just really baffled and very worried about him right now. There have been no leads and it is very frustrating right now. We haven't even been able to locate his vehicle."

If you have any information on the disappearance of Steve, contact the Council Bluffs Police Department at (712) 328-4728 or local authorities.

University presents opportunity for students to voice opinions

■ Plans for covenant will help solve future miscommunications during Quality Classroom Day

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

It may be the last opportunity for students to voice their concerns about the University in front of faculty and administrators.

Students can share opinions and discuss concerns about study environments with various groups for the draft of the student creed at the Great Expectations: Quality Classroom Day '98 at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 26 in the Student Union Ballroom.

The draft of the student covenant, or creed, which is planned to be created this semester and included in the student handbook this fall, will outline student expectations that should help solve miscommunication with faculty.

"This document is so binding," Angel Harris-Lewis, Student Senate president, said. "Hopefully, it will last a very long time in the future."

Although many universities have a student covenant, Northwest has never had one. This causes many miscommunications in what students and professors expect from each other, Harris-Lewis said.

"A lot of times, at the end of the semester, we hear students saying, 'I could have done a lot better in the class if I knew this is what the teacher was looking for,'" Harris-Lewis said. "On the other hand, I hear teachers say 'I didn't know students needed to go through the syllabus for him.' Basically, we are kind of (misunderstanding) each other. So by having a draft of a student creed, we all know what is expected of us."

The discussion will start with an opening session at 1 p.m. in the Union Ballroom and will divide up various groups of students, faculty, administrators and support staff in different rooms. It will be followed by a closing session where the groups will gather later to exchange the different ideas.

Harris-Lewis said this will be the last chance for students to express their opinions.

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Our View

OF THE COMMUNITY

Media need new focus, must decide critical issue

Monica Lewinsky, Jennifer Flowers and Bill Clinton. These are all names we hear on a daily basis when tuning in to the evening news.



But what about Saddam Hussein, United States fighter planes and chemical warfare?

The American media have fallen short of their duties to inform the United States citizens of important events. They have been so involved with the President's alleged sex scandal, that they have lost sight of the fact we may be on our way to war.

Just last week an additional 3,000 troops were sent to the Persian Gulf to maintain the military attack force against Iraq. Recently, the Pentagon sent six F-117 A stealth fighters, six F-16 fighters, six B-52 heavy bombers and one B-1 bomber to build a powerhouse of more than 300 U.S. planes already in the Gulf region.

These are the facts that should be in the nightly news. Americans need to know that thousands of our sons, daughters, moms and dads are facing air strikes and possibly could be risking lives for our country. Yet, the idea that President Clinton may or may not have had an affair with a White House intern is broadcasted by the mass media.

When the last Gulf War broke out in 1991, the media was all over it. They started broadcasting stories almost six months before the war even started. If the intern scandal had never taken place, it is almost guaranteed that Iraq would be the top story every night. We would be hearing Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State say we are well on our way to war. Albright made this comment only a week ago: "It's not days, it's not months — it's in the weeks category."

Interestingly enough, most Americans have no clue that we even have any troops in the Gulf. Most Americans get their news at 5 and 6 p.m., which is covering possibilities of Lewinsky e-mailing President Clinton. Only news channels like CNN are airing the possibilities of war with Iraq. Unfortunately, most Americans do not have time to watch CNN all day to find out what's really happening.

It is an embarrassment to the American public when a press conference meant for discussing current military concerns in the Middle East is used to clarify whether or not Clinton was involved in a sex scandal.

If the media believes the Clinton sex scandal is so important, they should be covering the possibilities that Clinton may have lied under oath. They should focus on the fact that there may have been an obstruction of justice and not if Bill cheated on Hillary. The scandal most certainly should not have precedence over a possible war.

Are television ratings and newspaper sales taking over what Americans see and hear on the news? Does the media believe Americans are more interested in sex and lies than the future of our parents and children?

It should, since they are the ones fighting a war.



Letters to the Editor

Approval keeps things orderly

Dear Editor,
I do not understand all the ranting about the gun rights protesters and their fliers. The First Amendment has never been absolute. For instance, the First Amendment does not protect your right to scream through a megaphone at 3 a.m. Public institutions have the right to control the time, place and manner in which free speech is exercised. You can say any old thing you want, but you cannot say it any old place and in any old way.

That has been the law for a very long time. Is it censorship that you have to have approval from Student Senate before posting on many campus bulletin boards? Is it unconstitutional to ask students to raise their hands for recognition before they speak in class?

No, these are just helpful ways to keep communication orderly. Asking people to get approval before distributing fliers is just another way to keep communication orderly. Maybe it is more order than we want, and it certainly is more order than I want, but it is hardly fascist thuggery. It would have been unfair not to enforce the existing rules in a special case. Yes, let's change the rules, but more calmly, please.

Keith Rhodes,
coordinator of composition

Brady should speak truth

Dear Editor,
Ah...Sarah Brady was in town and I have my regrets. You've all been there, "the morning after" when you know what you should have said and didn't.

Mrs. Brady began her lecture advocating more gun control legislation by claiming she and the organization she supports don't want to ban firearms. She expressed her desire to keep firearms from the "wrong" people.

My regret? During the question period, I wish I'd said, "You expect all of us to count on someone else (i.e. government, law enforcement) to protect us instead of being responsible for ourselves. I have one question for which I'd like a simple yes or no answer. Would you be happy to know that every home in the United States did not contain a firearm?" If Sarah wanted to be completely honest with us, she'd have answered yes.

And there's the truth people. Don't allow yourselves to be fooled. Sarah, and the politicians she wants you to vote for, have only one goal; to ultimately take away the right of every law-abiding citizen to "keep and bear arms."

The Northwest lecture series is a learning experience for this misinformed generation. I challenge (Bryan) Vanosdale and the activity committee to provide equal time for others to express their views concerning gun control. Let's bring another recognized speaker to Maryville. I suggest the well-known and highly respected Mr. Charlton Heston or Ms. Marion Hammer, the current president of the NRA (National Rifle Association).

We need to tell the whole truth. Mr. Vanosdale and Northwest students, will you take this challenge?

Diane Ackman,
Maryville resident

Challenge others, not Greeks

Dear Editor,
Or more correctly, Dear Gregory Roper. I find your assumptions that Greeks=alcoholism, Greeks=rape and Greeks=bad students to be extremely naive. You accuse people of spouting "the usual pabulum...the nationals put

out", but then you "spout the usual pabulum" of the anti-Greeks. Do you honestly think that the Greek system is the source of evil on university campuses?

Date-rape, binge drinking and lack of enthusiasm in education are symptoms of our culture, not simply the influence of the Greek system. You paint them as the party devils of the campus and removing them will remove the problem. Removing alcohol or parties from the Greek system, or removing the Greek system all together, only moves the problems to a house down the street. A house where you won't find a DD (designated driver), any semblance of brotherhood or sisterhood or any sense of service besides getting trashed in the name of Bud-Light. I'm not saying that the Greek system is the best, but I can surely imagine worse. But the state of the Greek system isn't the point. The state of our society is. So instead of challenging the Greeks to put down their beer, challenge me and the rest of this society to create a world where the smart aren't nerds, getting smashed isn't cool and violence toward women isn't a way of life.

The world we live in is a product of our action, you and me. So don't blame the Greeks. Blame yourself. You're our teacher after all. Have us look at the problem in this way and maybe more of us will show up to class.

Jerry Nevins
Philosophy/theater/government major

Senate gets unfair coverage

Dear Editor,
Fact: There is a little known document entitled the Constitution of the United States. In this document is the First Amendment, giving us the right to talk, to worship and even to hand out fliers at seminars.

Fact: Two students, before Sarah Brady addressed Northwest concerning gun control, were exercising this right by distributing fliers to those who were going to the speech. Campus Safety officer, Clarence Green, took it upon himself to tell these students they were not allowed to hand out the fliers using Student Senate as his scapegoat.

Fact: The Missourian printed one article and one opinion bashing Student Senate for posting the rules that have been in effect long before we were students. Not one Student Senate member was mentioned in the front page article concerning this supposed act of injustice and constitutional restriction.

I was quite shocked and appalled at the audacity of the paper to print such one-sided journalism. I understand the editorial and that a stand had to be taken. Was it necessary to smear Senate on the front page? Even the Stroller got on the bandwagon eluding to the insignificance of Student Senate as an organization on this campus. If Senate is not even worth knowing, or even given a second thought, why did the Missourian care to devote four major parts of the paper to this organization?

Another aspect of the reporting that perplexed me was the fact that the people that were interviewed for this article are very high up people, with apparently lots of influence and power. My question is why did the Missourian involve a Student Press lawyer from Arlington, Va., when the problem seems to be in Maryville?

The issue at hand seems to be protecting the civil liberties of the student body. Is Student Senate the administration, or according to the editorial cartoon, God restricting your rights to post on this campus? Are these entities keeping you from showing support for a cause you believe in so deeply? If so, come to Student Senate at 7 p.m. on

Tuesday nights in University Club North. Tell Senate how you feel, change the rules that appear to be unconstitutional and just plain mean.

I encourage Jacob DiPietro to work a little closer to home when attempting to get quotes for a story. I also strongly encourage the Stroller to not start the same unnecessary bashing that last semester's Stroller practiced.

Sarah Derks,
senior class president

Article misinforms reader

Dear Editor,
Unfortunately, I must report that some misinformation was reported in the Feb. 12 edition of this newspaper. In the article "Students question freedoms" and "First Amendment rights in question," the powers of Student Senate were misrepresented. Student Senate is responsible for approving all signs and posters that student organizations wish to post on the Student Senate bulletin boards. Because Senate does own these bulletin boards, it does have the right to decide what can be posted on them. Very rarely does Senate not approve a sign, and it is by no means a complicated process.

As Senate's vice president of policies, I can safely say that Student Senate's by laws and policies do not include any statute that requires that fliers must be approved by Senate before they are disseminated. Senate does hold itself responsible to the Constitution of the United States, and does not make any attempt to infringe on the rights to free speech of any individual. In my opinion, Cynthia Cole and Robert Shields should not have been stopped from handing out their fliers.

Andrew Saeger,
Student Senate vice president of policies

Stroller should apologize

Dear Editor,
Of course, certain people have long held a bias against our fraternities and sororities viewing them solely as opportunities for freshmen to pay money to have friends exactly like them, but old enough to buy beer. Furthermore, the Stroller has a long tradition of providing anonymity for hacks to publish poorly-written, ill-reasoned, unresearched, knee-jerk comments on whenever happens to cross their minds — a short crossing at any rate.

However, our much-abused fraternity men should take particular umbrage at last week's Stroller. Our heroine merely pretends to attack Roper's arguments, not by addressing the arguments themselves but through naive name-calling (you can be sure calling him a gasp! "liberal" hit him where it hurt), all while providing more ammo for the anti-frat party.

She says, for instance, that the Select 2000 initiative, directed by the national leadership of some fraternities in an effort to curb both excessive drinking and, more importantly, escalating insurance premiums, would damage the membership rolls of Maryville's fraternities. But, as any young pledge will tell you, frat life is about brotherhood & service, not drinking, so the Stroller is clearly wrong.

The Stroller implicitly argues that the "brotherhood & service" rap is crap and that fraternity life is indeed about getting wasted. Northwest's fraternities should demand that she apologize and, furthermore, they should do everything in their power to demonstrate that she is wrong — perhaps by listening carefully to the constructive criticism of faculty members who do care deeply that their students derive every benefit they can from the University experience (which included both academics and having a good time).

Kenton Wilcox

It's Your Turn

Do you think the United States should go to war with Iraq? Why?



"No, I think we have a lot of negative diplomatic faults. We have not accomplished the objectives to my understanding."

Frank Baudino,
head librarian



"No, we shouldn't have a war because of gasoline. American soldiers don't die for the country. They die for gasoline."

Baris Sahin,
computer science major



"Yes, the U.S. should go to war, so Saddam Hussein wouldn't keep on aggravating the U.S. anymore."

Marcus Whitworth,
accounting and finance major



"I think we should because they need to get something done but then again they need to compromise and come to a more peaceful decision. Because a war doesn't solve anything."

Cristina Sowards,
Smoothies girl



"No, because Russia told us not to fight with Iraq. (If we do) then Russia will get mad at us and kill us."

Michelle Frew,
undecided major



"Yes, because Saddam's had enough chances to back away. So something has to be done."

Corey Murphy,
geography major



"I'll leave it up to the president to decide what's best. I'll leave it up to the expertise of the president and the government."

Kent Marlow,
Bearcat Bookstore

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Festival brings authors to campus

■ **Writers, musicians share accomplishments with University members**

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

A wealth of noted authors gathered to share their literary works during the Tower Festival of Literary Arts Monday and Tuesday.

Throughout the festival, works were presented in a variety of ways. "If you look at the things the people read (at the festival) they're very small things," featured writer LeAnn Keenan Francis said. "But they take on a larger meaning when you change the perspective, and I think that's important to get people's slants on things, and to make you think."

Northwest's distinguished English professor William Trowbridge said the purpose of the festival was to bring students and writers together.

"The goal of the festival is to bring living writers into the presence of students," Trowbridge said. "It's a chance for them to see that works are being created all the time and it gives some exposure to students."

The activities marked the second time the festival took place. Last year, the festival received such a good response that it was scheduled again this year, Trowbridge said.

"It was quite a success judging by the responses we've gotten back and the overwhelming attendance we had," Trowbridge said.

Featured writer John Akers thrilled his audience Monday night with a musical performance of his own songs, as well as classics of the past. He writes and chooses to perform music from a wide range of influential material such as gospel, pop, folk, punk and country.

Trowbridge was also among the authors Tuesday. He read several of his comical poems on subjects ranging from the struggle between a father and son while building a model airplane to thoughts from the point



Poet Gulli Coniglio speaks at Tuesday's Literary Festival in the University Conference Center. Coniglio works as senior salesclerk at The Bookstop on Main Street. She is also an editor for "The

Advocate," the newsletter for the Maryville chapter of American Association of University Women. Coniglio also has had her poems nationally published in "A Certain Attitude: Poems by Seven Texas Women."

John Petrovic/Staff Photographer

of view of King Kong.

The literary festival also featured Jonis Agee, whose first two novels were New York Times Notable Books of the Year, and Jim Simmerman, whose work was nominated for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

Many of the writers became interested in writing simply by reading the works of others and taking creative writing classes.

The writers believe it is important for people to understand literature, because it has an influence on the world around us.

"It's a reflection of the world," featured writer Gulli Coniglio said. "People who write want to connect. Although the writers have received many honors, they realize not everything will turn out the way they hope."

"I tend to paralyze myself," Keenan Francis said. "(I say), 'OK, this has to be perfect,' and then I just can't do anything. You just have to let yourself be bad and not everything you put on paper or on the computer has to be wonderful. You just have to show up and see what happens."

"People who write want to connect. Although the writers have received many honors, they realize not everything will turn out the way they hope."

■ Gulli Coniglio, featured writer

Modern language, music departments unite to educate students, residents

by Jason Kilndt
Missourian Staff

The world came to Maryville for dinner. Students and residents celebrated the multicultural affairs dinner Tuesday in the Student Union.

The dinner is a cooperative effort between students in the modern languages department and the music department to bring together education and fun.

"It introduces people, both students and faculty, to European style (of dining) and tastes," said Louise Horner, modern languages instructor.

The six-course meal was separated with an entertainment piece between each dish. The musical theme for the event was French pieces from the 19th and 20th centuries. The entertainment featured pianists, singers and even a Mexican hat dance.

"We have a professor from Monterrey (Mexico) and he and some students performed the dance for us," Horner said.

The food consisted of dishes from Spain, Mexico, Canada and France. More than 100 people participated in the event.

This was the sixth year the dinner has been sponsored by the members of Alpha Mu Gamma and Phi Sigma Iota.

"They are separate as national organizations, but here at Northwest, the two function together as a modern language club," Horner said, who is also the adviser for Alpha Mu Gamma.

The students do not cook the food, but they do get the experience of serving their customers and acting as hosts and hostesses for the night. The planning and preparation for the event are a major part of the dinner.

"We had many compliments on the entertainment and food," Horner said.

Horner said the dinner accomplished its goal of showing various aspects of culture, and she was pleased with the turnout.



Professor Armando Gonzalez and Adriana Albers finish the dance "El Jarabe tapatio" at the Festival of Cultures Tuesday night.

Darren Papek/Photography Director

Smoking ban raises stink in halls

by Amy Smith
Contributing Writer

A recent proposal by the Residence Hall Association may cause future conflicts with residents.

The proposal will eliminate smoking on all residence hall floors.

"When I first got here six years ago, it was fifty-fifty for smoking rooms," said Mark Hetzler, interim assistant for the vice president of Student Affairs. "They have since phased it out to one smoking floor per hall and Phillips (Hall) is already smoke-free."

The proposal suggests that the smoking ban will be slowly phased in over a course of semesters.

"The earliest this can be finalized will be in November," Hetzler said. "So the earliest it could take effect would be the fall of 1999."

Hetzler said it is too late for the proposal to take effect in the fall of 1998.

Heather Libby, a resident assistant

on a smoking floor in Hudson Hall, said not many of her residents "actually smoke."

"Only five out of 13 of my residents actually smoke," Libby said. "I don't find it a problem to work on a smoking floor."

Bethany Hutschreider is an RA in Millikan Hall and lives on a non-smoking floor. She said the smoke sometimes startles you when you walk up to a smoking floor.

"I can definitely smell the smoke when I am doing rounds," Hutschreider said. "If I had to live there, it would bother me, but I don't."

Adrian Jones, policies committee chair for RHA, is in charge of the proposal. Jones, as well as his committee, have done a lot of research to find out student demands for smoking floors.

"There are a great deal of smokers who do not want to live on a smoking floor for various reasons," Jones said. "There are (also) residents

who did not want to live on a smoking floor, but were placed there anyway, due to a lack of non-smoking facilities."

BryAnn Cook, a non-smoker who lives on a smoking floor in Hudson Hall, said you can't really smell the smoke.

"I think the way they have it now is good," Cook said. "I can't smell it in the hall, but when you walk into certain rooms you can really smell it."

Brigid James is a smoker who lives on a smoking floor in Hudson. She said the students will still smoke, but will find ways to get around it.

"They are going to smoke whether they are able to or not," James said.

The policy committee conducted three open forums to discuss the residents' opinions on the proposal. The first session was in South Complex, and the attendance was high. Two other forums, in Hudson Hall and Dieterich Hall had low attendance.

In Brief

Student teachers schedule meeting

A meeting for fall semester student teachers will be at 4 p.m. Feb. 25 at the University Conference Center.

For more information, contact Michael Graham at 562-1541.

Spring Career Day slated for Tuesday

Spring Career Day will be from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Union Ballroom.

Many businesses, companies and government agencies will be present for students to gather information

about job opportunities and internships. Professional dress is recommended. Participants should also bring copies of their résumé. Web registration is required to participate in on-campus interviews or internship opportunities.

For more information, contact Career Services at 562-1250.

Welcome to Delta Zeta

New Members

Stacy Swalley

Jakie Burrows

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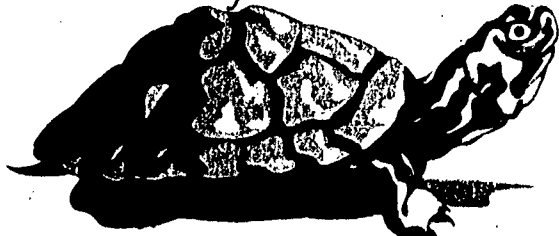
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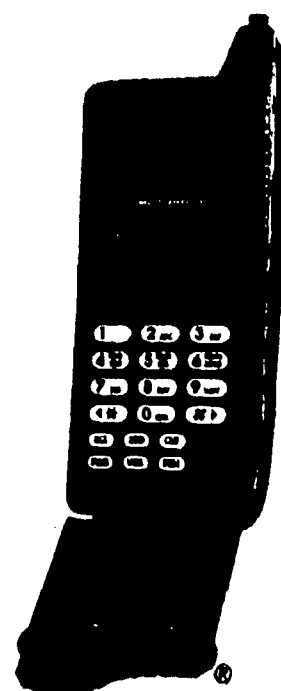
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Construction continues at Mozingo

■ Additional features, improvements enhance lake area this summer

by Nicole Fuller
Assignment Director

Mozingo Lake will offer residents additional features this summer because of construction during the winter months.

The Conservation Department has been working on several different areas that will make improvements to the park.

"They are doing about \$500,000 worth of work and have about 85 percent finished," David Middleton, Mozingo Lake superintendent, said.

One of the projects will be a 90 by 32 foot concrete boat ramp. Restroom facilities and a fish cleaning station will be constructed near the boat ramp.

It will also have a 60-car and trailer parking lot.

Another feature in the park will be a new fishing dock.

"There will be the handicap-accessible fishing dock," Middleton said. "It will have about a 15-car parking lot and restroom facilities. It will be accessible all the way down to the dock."

The dock will be about 35 by 28 feet with a 200-foot sidewalk

that is approved by the American Disabilities Act, Middleton said.

There will be a 15-car with trailer parking lot and a smaller boat ramp on the northwest end of the lake. There will also be a 10-car parking lot for hikers and hunters on the northeast side of the lake.

Maryville will focus on laying the asphalt for the roads.

"March 2 we will open bids on the asphalt," Middleton said. "We are going to start at (U.S.) 136 and go as far as we can go to the gravel road in front of the golf course."

The city is hoping to asphalt to at least a mile-and-a-half, and the approximate cost of the construction will be around \$190,000, Middleton said.

The Maryville City Council also passed an ordinance in its first reading that would allow people to swim off their boats up to 50 feet in designated areas. Council members will vote Monday for its second reading.

The areas included are the southwest cove near the handicap fishing dock and the two smaller coves on the southeast side near the dam overflow and emergency spillway.

"I think the coves are better than having it out in the middle of the lake," Middleton said. "It is going to be as safe as you are going to get and people are going to do it."



The new ramp built to accommodate handicapped visitors at Mozingo leads from the parking lot to the water's edge.

Jennifer Meyer/
Photography Director

Summer fun

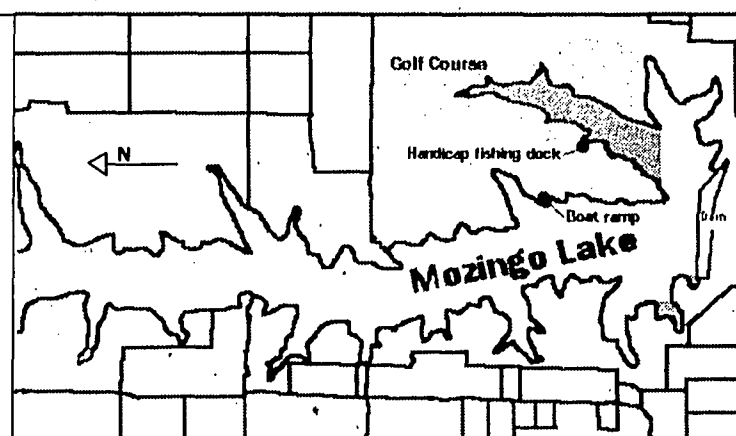
New features to Mozingo Lake.

■ Boat ramp located on the southeast side of the lake near the beach area.

■ Handicap fishing dock located in the finger of the lake on the southeast side

■ Shaded areas indicate possible off boat swimming areas located in three areas — in the finger of the lake, and two smaller coves by the dam

Nicole Fuller/Assignment Director



Flu virus plagues Nodaway County

by Kelsey Lowe
Missourian Staff

The flu virus hit Nodaway County harder than usual this year. It prompted the West Nodaway County R-I school district to cancel school Feb. 2.

There were 60 to 90 students absent with the flu every day the last week of January, superintendent Steve Andes said.

"There is a certain point in time when (illness is) unproductive to the education process," Andes said. "It didn't seem to be getting any better, so we decided to have a three-day weekend. When we did come back, absenteeism was down considerably."

About 96 percent of the district's 410 students would have been present on a normal day, Andes said.

Barbara Heckathorn, Eugene Field Elementary School principal, said there seems to be two different types of illnesses going around school.

"One is a respiratory illness and the other is a respiratory/vomiting-type illness," Heckathorn said.

However, the health of Eugene Field's 465 students has improved since the worst case scenario about three weeks ago.

"At the high point, we had about 65 students out, but in the past few

days about 30 have been out sick each day, so it's getting better," Heckathorn said. "Normally, we would have about 10 (absent)."

The absence rate at Washington Middle School was even higher among its 480 students. The last week of January was also the worst time for them, with 70 students absent one day, school nurse Stacia Thompson said.

"The problem with it this year is that it lasts so long," Thompson said. "With the upper respiratory-type bug with a high fever, cough and severe congestion, students have been out a minimum of four to five days. If they try to come back too soon or push too hard, they're back down again."

Thompson said that throughout this flu season, as many as 80 students have come to see her in one day. She sees about 30 students on a normal day.

Parental support of each school has been a key to the prevention of the illness lasting any longer than necessary.

"The parents have been very good about monitoring it and trying to keep children home when they are sick," Heckathorn said. "We encourage parents not to send the children back until 24 hours after they are fever-free."

Marcia Beason, LPN and St. Francis Family Health Care nursing

supervisor, said the flu is typically present before obvious symptoms even present themselves.

"Usually, it's contagious from a couple of days before the symptoms occur until they're fever-free for 24-48 hours," Beason said. "A fever usually occurs for three to five days, but people should contact their physician if it lasts longer or if there is ear pain or difficulty breathing."

Quick tips for flu prevention

The following are suggestions to prevent the spread of the flu virus from Marcia Beason, St. Francis Family Health Care nursing supervisor:

- Wash hands frequently
- Clean surfaces many people come into contact with, such as in work areas
- Get plenty of rest
- Maintain a well-balanced diet
- Wash dishes in dishwasher or add bleach to rinse water



Principal receives recognition

by M.J. Vinson
Missourian Staff

It's not every day that a principal is recognized as one of the nation's most outstanding administrators.

Sue Dorrel, the principal of St. Gregory's grade school, won the Distinguished Principal's Award for her leadership in Catholic education.

Dorrel, along with 12 other administrators nationwide, will receive the award in April at the National Catholic Education Association's annual convention in Los Angeles.

"The award is a gift to everyone," Dorrel said. "I hope everyone (connected with the school) understand that. It takes so many people for this to happen."

Dorrel has been the principal of St. Gregory's for five years and has continued building on the foundation of her predecessors. Dorrel has taught at the secondary and post-secondary levels in public schools. As the first lay principal at St. Gregory's, she takes pride in the school and respects the Catholic educational program.

"The faculty, staff, parents and students are what makes the school," Dorrel said. "The hard work of these individuals has placed St. Gregory's as a leader in education."

The staff also recognizes Dorrel's dedication to improving the students' education.

Sue Seipel, first-grade teacher, said Dorrel shows students she is concerned with their spiritual, physical and



■ Sue Dorrel
St. Gregory's principal

"The award is a gift to everyone... It takes so many people for this to happen."

intellectual growth.

Dorrel often reads to Seipel's class and has dressed as a farmer and an angel on separate occasions to further develop her relationships with the students.

"She comes into the classroom and does a lot of things as far as helping us out as teachers," Seipel said. "It shows the students she likes to participate and play an active role in their learning, by involving herself as a principal in their daily lives."

Over the past five years, Dorrel, with the support of many others, has taken strides to improve the school and prepare for its future. They have worked together to provide effective programming and leadership in many areas, especially in extracurricular activities and technology.

The school also added an early childhood center and multipurpose building under her direction. The school offers day-care, preschool, elementary school and various after-school programs.

Dorrel was nominated by the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocesan School Board.

Dorrel, her husband, Gene, and their children have plans to attend the awards ceremony.

In Brief

Cancer Society plans daffodil fund-raiser

The Nodaway County American Cancer Society will welcome spring by celebrating Daffodil Days with flower deliveries from March 6-8.

The flowers serve as a symbol of hope to cancer patients.

The daffodils are \$1 per flower, \$7 for small bouquets, \$10 for large bouquets, \$75 for 250 flowers and \$150 for 500 flowers. Proceeds will be used for cancer research, education and service for Nodaway County residents.

For more information or to place

an order contact Chris Pavalis at 562-5688 or Michael Vinson at 582-5621.

Restaurant prepares for March opening

A new steakhouse will be opening in Maryville.

Zipp's Fairground Restaurant is scheduled to open sometime in mid-March said owner Zipp Renshaw.

The steakhouse will be located in the building that was formerly Sarah's Family Restaurant. It is being remodeled and will be an accessory of the nearby Microtel Inn & Suites.

Rural health group invites new members

The Health Council will have a meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at the St. Francis Hospital Hospitality Room.

Those interested in joining one of the Community Solutions for Rural Health task groups are invited to attend.

Nodaway County is one of three counties in Missouri participating in the project. For more information, contact Mitzi Lutz at the Missouri Regional Council of Governments at 582-5121.



Court Watch

■ Jermaine Simmons pled guilty to felony charge of passing back checks. It is under investigation at the present time. Judge John Andrews ordered him to reappear March 23 for sentencing.

■ Terry Troncin pled guilty to a misdemeanor to marijuana. He was ordered to serve 90 days in jail. Troncin's probation was revoked on a previous stealing offense. He was ordered to serve five years in the penitentiary.

■ John H. Gill was on probation for possession of marijuana. His probation was revoked, and he was ordered to serve five years in the penitentiary. The court retains jurisdiction.

■ Terry Lee Ross pled guilty to all eight counts of distribution of controlled substance. Four counts were for the sale of methamphetamine and four counts were for the sale of marijuana. He was ordered to reappear March 23 for presentencing.

■ Jackie Crawford pled guilty to felony charge of passing bad checks. The court suspended sentence. She was placed on probation for four years and is to serve 40 hours of public service and restitution.

■ Ronnie E. Evans' preliminary hearing is set for March 2. He remains in custody of the sheriff.

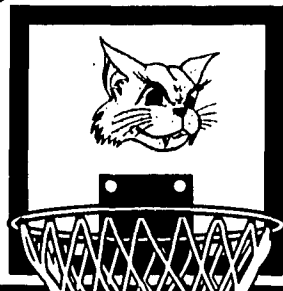
■ Clint Taylor will appear in court March 24 at 9:30 a.m. for deposition.

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Public Safety

February 10

■ A fire unit responded to the 600 block of East Seventh Street in reference to a vehicle leaking gasoline. A solvent was applied and the area was washed down.

February 11

■ A local business reported that person(s) had taken two gold rings with stones in the center. Estimated value was \$299.

■ While Donald O'Riley, Hopkins, was parked, his vehicle was struck by a vehicle that then left the scene.

February 12

■ Dorothy V. Serna, New Mexico, Mo., struck the vehicle of Donna M. Renshaw, Skidmore, then backed into the vehicle of Scott E. Wilmes, Maryville. Serna was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Officers responded to a loud party in the 1100 block of North College Drive. They observed Janet M. Tierney, 20, Maryville, with an alcoholic beverage. She was given a summons for minor in possession. The occupants, Tiffanie L. Sly, 21, and Megan McFee, 22, were both given summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

February 13

■ An officer responded to a local establishment after receiving a complaint that a male subject had attempted to enter their business, and they were questioning his identification. Upon arrival, the subject was questioned, and he denied that it was his identification. He was finally identified as Erin S. Larison, 17, St. Joseph. He was issued a summons for providing false information to a police officer and for possessing a falsified identification card.

■ An officer took a report from a school bus driver that a female had failed to stop while the bus was unloading on the corner of First and

Vine streets. Contact has not been made with the driver.

■ A Maryville female reported that she had been receiving harassing phone calls.

■ A Barnard female reported that while her vehicle was parked in the 1000 block of South Main Street, \$30 and approximately 10 compact discs were taken.

■ A Maryville male reported that his vehicle sustained a scratch on the driver's side door, while it was parked in the 1500 block of South Munn Street. Later that day, the passenger's side door was scratched in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

■ A fire unit responded to the 200 block of West Seventh Street. The occupant said he heard a noise and a small flash in the kitchen. When he entered the kitchen, he could smell smoke. An investigation of the residence did not reveal anymore fire or smoke.

■ Dennis R. VanGundy was stopped in traffic on South Main Street. His vehicle was struck from behind by Ruth J. Warner, Skidmore. Warner said her vehicle was hit in the rear by another vehicle that left the scene. Warner was given a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

February 14

■ A 1987 Buick was towed from the 400 block of North Buchanan Street, where it was illegally parked.

■ A local business reported that three males left without paying for their meals. The cost of the meals was \$37.05.

February 15

■ Fire units responded to a structure fire on the 300 block of East Fourth Street. Upon arrival, the second floor had heavy smoke. It was determined the smoke was coming from a bedroom, and the fire was contained to that room and extinguished. The room received heavy smoke and heat damage. All contents were a total loss. There was no other damage to

the rest of the structure.

■ A Maryville male reported that his company's delivery truck was parked in the 1100 block of North Mulberry Street. He went to check on it and the rear door was open.

■ Allen L. Godsey, Ravenwood, was traveling west on First Street and was entering the construction zone east of the 102 River bridge. He said a vehicle ahead of him suddenly applied its brakes, and when he applied his brakes he lost control, left the roadway and struck a utility pole. No citations were issued.

February 16

■ An officer served a warrant to Leslie D. Graf, 21, Maryville, for failure to appear. She was released on bond.

February 17

■ An officer served a warrant to Michelle L. Hensley, 25, King City, for failure to appear. She was released on bond.

■ A Maryville male reported the theft of his daughter's bicycle from his yard. It was described as a small lavender frame with pink seat and handle grips. Estimated loss was \$25.

■ William R. Bell was stopped in traffic on North Main Street and was rear ended by Lisa M. Gregory. Gregory was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Jennifer L. Clement, Maitland, was pulling from a private drive heading east on College Avenue and struck Sarah A. Carhill, Jefferson, Iowa. Clement was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Ivan W. Hayworth was in the turning lane on South Main Street. He tried to leave the turning lane and struck John A. Bears, Barnard. Hayworth was issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ Christopher L. Bowles was on East First Street attempting to make a turn and turned into the path of Teddy E. Hanson. Bowles was issued a citation for failure to yield.

New Arrival

Corby Ronald Walker

Ronnie and Brenda Walker, Grant City, are the parents of Corby Ronald, born Feb. 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Euclid and Mary Cadrette, Lisbon, N.Y.; and Denzil and Virginia Walker, Grant City.

Campus Safety

February 10

■ A student reported damage to their vehicle while it was parked on campus. After an interview, it was found that the owner inflicted damage on their own vehicle.

February 12

■ Campus Safety arrested a subject on campus on a warrant.

■ Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency in a building on campus. Emergency Medical Services transported the patient to St. Francis Hospital.

■ Campus Safety investigated a report of property damage to a building on campus. An investigation was initiated.

February 13

■ Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in a building on campus. It was a false alarm.

February 14

■ Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in a building on campus. After an investigation, it was reported that the fire alarm was caused by burning paper.

■ Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency in a building on campus. Emergency Medical Services transported the patient to St. Francis Hospital.

Obituaries

Madgel Penisten

Madgel Penisten, 86, Vassar, Kan., died Feb. 8 at Osage Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Vassar, Kan. She was born in Jan. 16, 1912, to Thomas and Lucy Penisten in Maryville.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were Wednesday at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

Dorothy Bowland

Dorothy M. Bowland, 82, Maryville, died Feb. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born July 8, 1915, to Earl and Stella Rowe in Maryville.

Survivors include one daughter, Beverly Auten; one son, Jerry Park; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two nieces and two nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

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to work for change.

Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs, said he does not believe there is anything wrong with the policy in the handbook, except that perhaps it is not clear enough.

"The bigger question is how do you carry out the policy?" Porterfield said. "The intent, as I read it, is that groups register when they're going to be on campus. It doesn't appear to prohibit people from distributing information."

The purpose of the University's rule is not to impose upon students'

rights, Porterfield said.

"The last thing I think you want to do on a college campus is inhibit free discussion about issues," Porterfield said. "It's fine to demonstrate. It's fine to pass out information, but there's a process for going about doing that."

The University should definitely reevaluate its position on the policy before next year's handbook is published, Porterfield said.

He said the first thing it must do is determine whether the policy does what Northwest wants it to do.

"Secondly, (we must determine) what is the best way to carry it out so that you don't create further problems or confusion," Porterfield said.

QUALITY

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"If they miss the day, this opportunity is not (coming) back," Harris-Lewis said. "This is the only opportunity to provide some sort of significant feedback."

One of the goals for the day is to have as many students and faculty members attend as possible. To do so, Harris-Lewis is asking all professors to excuse their students.

"By the same token, we are also asking the students actually do attend if the teachers do work with that al-

lowing them to miss class, not just take a day off," Harris-Lewis said.

Although Provost Tim Gilmour permitted faculty members to dismiss their classes, the final decision is up to individual professors, said Keith Rhodes, co-chair of the Quality Classroom Committee.

This time the semi-annual program will focus more on students. The word, symposium, is no longer used because it is a vague word that many students cannot identify, Harris-Lewis said.

A student committee assisted by a faculty committee planned and prepared for the event.

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Bearcats crumble to Ichabods, 78-68

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

The 'Cats were downed by the Washburn Ichabods, 78-68, Wednesday, temporarily spoiling their shot as the lone conference champion and halting their 14-game winning streak. The 'Cats came out to a slow start falling behind 19-2.

"It was an awful frustrating first two minutes," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said in the KNIM post-game show.

Coming out to such a poor start, one might think the 'Cats were caught looking past Washburn.

"You're concerned that when you clinch a tie for conference that you might get content," Tappmeyer said before the game.

"I thought our guys came out playing hard, but we weren't very sharp and we didn't have the concentration," he said after the game.

A technical foul assessed to Washburn head coach Bob Chipman in the first half sparked a big run for Northwest.

"I think our defense got us back in it," Tappmeyer said.

The 'Cats finally got the lead in the second half but were too fatigued and had lost sophomore guard Phil Simpson and junior forward LeVant Williams to five fouls.

"You spend a lot coming back like that," Tappmeyer said. "We just didn't have anything left to comeback with."

Northwest 75 CMSU 58

The 'Cats won their 14th straight game and clinched a tie for the conference title, Saturday against Central Missouri State University 75-58.

The game was not near as close as when the two faced Feb. 2.

"The thing we did have going for us was that LeVant Williams did not play up here," Tappmeyer said.

Williams was named MIAA player of the week after averaging 23.7 points and eight rebounds in the 'Cats' two games last week.

Williams' presence supplied the 'Cats with 20 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks against the Mules.

The 'Cats will tangle with the Missouri Western State College Griffons at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena.



Phil Simpson drops in a deuce against the Washburn University Ichabods earlier this season. The 'Cats lost at Washburn Wednesday, 78-68.

John Petrovic/Staff Photographer

Women drop game to Washburn, 68-57

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

After months of practices and games, the women's basketball team is in the final week of the regular season that started with two losses to Central Missouri State University and Washburn University.

The 'Cats fell first to Central 85-79, Saturday and then to Washburn, 68-57, Wednesday despite 21 points by Allison Edwards.

The 'Cats are in fourth place in the MIAA conference and must maintain at least fourth place in order to play the first round of the postseason tournament at home.

"Playing at home is a big concern right now," head coach Wayne Winstead said. "We really need to play here the first game to get that added advantage."

They need a win over rival Missouri Western State College Saturday to keep them in the top four.

"They are a very talented team

and this is a very big game," Winstead said. "The girls know they will have to play their best. This one should determine our final ranking and where we will play out first postseason contest."

Missouri Western comes into the matchup 21-7 overall and the Griffons have not been at full strength for over a month because of injuries. They will have every-one available Saturday.

"They've changed a lot since the beginning of the season," Winstead said. "At the outset of the year, they had many injuries and were guard-oriented. Now they are very balanced. We have to be aware of them as a whole team."

A win against the Griffons should put Northwest at home. Winstead said every game from here on out will be critical.

"The girls know and I know that every game is vital," Winstead said. "We have to be careful not to overdo things. Tired legs won't help our execution but come game time they will be ready to lay it all out on the floor."

Awards dinner honors athletes

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

Each sport had its 15 minutes of fame at the M-Club Sports Banquet Sunday night.

The banquet, which was split into three different sessions, honored athletes who participated in sports this fall and last spring.

Plaques for breaking school records, along with letters, academic honors and recognition were awarded to the athletes in front of a crowd of approximately 430 to 450 people, including families.

M-Club secretary Kathy Kearns, who spoke about what it means to be a Bearcat athlete, said the event is for more than just the athletes.

"It gives the coaches an opportunity to congratulate and thank the athletes," Kearns said. "It allows each sport to know what the other sports accomplished. (The banquet) is neat, because we all put in so much work, and this gives us the recognition we deserve."

The banquet is a standing Northwest tradition and it takes place twice a year.

Track prepares for conference meet

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

Like a good engine, the gears of the indoor track teams must be constantly tested and tuned.

The Mule Relays in Warrensburg last Friday and the NIAC Championships in Nebraska this weekend will help the teams prepare for the MIAA Championships March 1 and 2.

The women's team made its way to the top of the Mule Relays, in spite of competing against more than 20 teams.

Led by top finishers, seniors Julie Humphreys in the shot put and weight throw and Carrie Sindelar in the 800-meter run, along with junior Brandy Haan in the 55-meter dash, the team took high marks in several events.

Haan also broke the school record and provisionally qualified in the 55-meter dash. She also picked up a second- and third-place finish in the 200-meter and 400-meter dash, respectively.

Freshman Diana Hughes' also had a record setting day. Her leap in the long jump was good enough to break the school record, provisionally qualify her

for the national meet and place her second in the meet Friday.

Humphreys' first-place toss in the shot put notched her over the national provisional qualifying mark as well.

Humphreys and others who have provisionally qualified must wait to see if their mark is good enough to go to the national meet.

Coach Bud Williams said the team will hopefully be healthy for the competition against several unfamiliar NAIA schools.

"We are leading performance wise in a lot of events now and hope to have two throwers back which will definitely strengthen the team," Williams said. "The meet will be a good tune up for conference. We will look at it as a testing board. Just because we will be running against smaller schools this weekend, we cannot let down."

Men look toward NIAC in Nebraska

The men also traveled to CMSU for the Mule Relays, but did not finish where they wanted to be at this point in the season.

Senior Chad Sutton, juniors Robby

Lane and Don Ferree and freshman Frank Taylor offered bright spots for the team. Sutton's top finish in the high jump was the only first-place finish for the Bearcat men.

Head coach Rich Alsop said the men could improve in some phases of their meet.

"We did some things really well and some things not very well at Central," Alsop said. "We are not in bad shape if we come through a little tougher. We just have to continue to get ready, step it up and compete a little better."

The team will compete at another unscored meet Friday at the NIAC Championships.

The competition will be similar to that of the Doane meet the men participated in a few weeks ago, Alsop said.

"There will be some good competition and a handful of good athletes from each squad," Alsop said. "We will run most of the men in only one event, besides the jumpers and throwers. The meet will allow us a chance to get seeding times. The better times we get (this weekend), the better chance we have at getting in the fast heat at conference."



Wendy Broker/University Sports Editor

Sophomore Matt Abele leaps into the pit in the long jump competition Friday at the Mule Relays in Warrensburg.

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Five wrestlers will vie for state crown



Senior Adam Chadwick takes the position of advantage during his match at Saturday's sectionals. Chadwick and four other 'Hounds advanced to state.

■ **Spoofhounds ready to battle Missouri's best this week in Columbia**

by **Alex Berry**
Missourian Staff

The Maryville Spoofhounds will try their luck at earning some individual hardware Thursday at the 1998 Missouri State High School Wrestling Tournament in Columbia.

Senior Mark Anderson (119 lbs.), junior D.J. Merrill (130 lbs.), seniors Ryan Castillo (135 lbs.), Jeremy Lliteras (140 lbs.) and Adam Chadwick (152 lbs.), will be making the journey to the state championship for the 'Hounds wrestling team.

The state tournament will take place at the Hearnes Center on the University of Missouri campus.

Although the tournament starts Thursday, most of the wrestlers are looking forward to being in contention for medals Saturday.

Anderson has his sights set on earning a medal in his last season as a high school wrestler. Anything less would be a disappointment for him.

"I won't be happy unless I am in the finals," Anderson said. "This is my fourth appearance at state, and I want to make it my best."

Head coach Joe Drake has been keeping practices shorter and concentrating on conditioning and drilling instead of new techniques.

Drake has also implemented a more optimistic attitude in his grapplers.

Even though some of Maryville's wrestlers have tough first-round matches at state, he assured them they could all go far.

He said all five state of the state-bound wrestlers have a legitimate shot to take home medals for the Spoofhounds.

"I am going to wrestle the best I can and whatever happens, happens," Castillo said. "If I perform to the best of my abilities, I will walk off the mat satisfied."

The sectional tournament last Saturday was the qualifying tournament before state and included twice as many teams as districts the previous weekend.

Drake said the sectional competition was much tougher than the district tournament, but was pleased with the performance of his team as a whole.

"They all wrestled well," Drake said. "Even the guys that didn't qualify made a good effort."

Anderson and Lliteras were also happy with their performances. Both finished sectionals by winning a medal.

"You can't really be disappointed with first," Anderson said.

Castillo realized he performed the best he could and was pleased with his second-place finish, although, he still would have liked to place first if he could.

Castillo said placing first at the sectional tournament would have given him a higher seed for the state meet.

Despite dropping his champion-

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■ **Mark Anderson, state-bound wrestler, Maryville High School**

ship match, Castillo believes his techniques worked well and hopes to carry his success to state.

"I wrestled good all day," Castillo said. "Even the last match that I lost didn't upset me."

Merrill and Chadwick also qualified for state placing third and fourth, respectively.

"I am looking forward to going to state," Chadwick said. "My plan is to get there, wrestle hard and enjoy the whole experience."

Merrill said he is looking forward to going to the state tournament for the first time.

He said he will try to learn from his experience this season and he hopes it will help him for his senior year.

Merrill already has aspirations of getting back to state again next season.

Bench Warmer

Judge makes right decision in golfer's case

"The Special Olympics" is where one of my colleagues believes Casey Martin should play golf.

Funny, huh? Not really.

Martin has a

disease in his right leg which makes it nearly impossible for him to stand for long periods of time, let alone walk the long, rolling hills of a golf course.

A judge in Martin's hometown of Eugene, Ore., awarded him the right to use a cart during professional tournaments.

During the trial, the PGA Tour claimed walking was an essential part of the game, despite admitting Martin was handicapped and could not safely walk the course like the other competitors.

Not surprisingly, Martin winning the use of a cart has the PGA Tour's elite whining in protest.

"He's cheating."

"It's not fair."

"If he gets a cart, I want one too."

Martin is not cheating the other golfers on the PGA Tour. They are trying to cheat him.

If Martin could have traded his weak, diseased leg for a normal, healthy one, I'm almost sure he would have done it long ago.

Awarding Martin a golf cart does not give him an advantage over the other competitors. It simply evens the playing field.

Anyone who has ever watched a round of golf or played on a windy Saturday afternoon understands that the game is based on honor. Players call their own penalties.

In fact, Greg Norman once disqualified himself from a tournament (while he was leading, no less) when he realized he had inadvertently used a ball that had not been approved.

A lot of people laughed at Norman's error and some even questioned his judgment on whether he should have turned himself in at all.

The point: Norman knew what was right. He was not going to slip the ball in his pocket and pull out another. He knows golf is a game of integrity, honor and morals.

Martin would never disgrace the sport. He just wants a shot at playing on the PGA Tour and living out his childhood dream.

How can the Tour deny him?

And, as for the colleague who said Martin should head for the Special Olympics — the only thing on your mind should be special education.

Funny, huh? Not really.

Scott Summers is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.



■ **Scott Summers**

Hoopster scores 47 points, breaks 23-year-old record

by **Mark Hornickel**
Chief Reporter

A 23-year-old scoring record was broken Monday night as the 'Hounds grabbed their 20th win of the year.

Senior Tylor Hardy took it to Platte County scoring 47 points in Maryville's 79-46 over the Pirates.

"It was great," Hardy said. "We were just going out there to win. I didn't even know I had (37 points) at half-time and the guys told me."

To the rest of the crowd in attendance, Hardy's spectacle was quite a feat.

"He was really awesome," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "He was a scoring machine out there. I've never seen an offensive performance like that before."

Hardy's teammates said they were just trying to get him the ball.

"He was on fire," senior John Otte said. "We know Tylor pretty well, and when he's hot, he's hot."

It was not the first time Hardy came close to the record. Earlier this year, Hardy scored 39 points against St. Pius X in the Savannah Tournament.

After coming close that night, Hardy and the players took note of the scoring record of 46 points, set by Ted Espey in 1975.

Hardy said he could not have achieved the record without the help of his teammates.

The record-breaking night overshadowed another big accomplishment for the Spoofhounds — 20 wins.

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■ **John Otte, boys' basketball player, Maryville High School**

"It's really magical to win 20 games in a high school season," Kuwitzky said. "I don't know if people realize how hard that actually is. You really have to play good basketball over the course of a season and get through some bad stretches."

With the win Tuesday, the 'Hounds improved their mark to 20-4, and 4-2 in conference play.

The win was a key for the 'Hounds as they prepare for the district tournament.

"We lost our fire," Hardy said. "Then, we got it back again, and now we need to keep the fire going and take it to districts."

Maryville will play its last regular season game at 5 p.m. today at Lafayette.

"Lafayette is a team that is always dangerous at home," Kuwitzky said. "They have a lot of weapons and any time you go on their floor, you can expect them to put the points up."

Girls taking season 'one game at a time'

by **Burton Taylor**
Chief Reporter

"One game at a time" — this is not an uncommon rallying cry for coaches at the end of the season.

This is exactly what Maryville head coach Jeff Martin has been telling his team.

The 'Hounds are preparing for their next game against Lafayette, at 8 p.m. Friday at home.

The 'Hounds have won 16 times this season and dropped only seven. This is the best record the team has earned since 1987.

The Spoofhounds are ready to continue battling and are convinced this feat is going to mean positive things.

"The wins give us a lot of confidence," senior Abbey Lade said. "We have come out of our slump, and now we can get ready for districts."

Districts are right around the corner and Martin said the team has not been really successful in that tournament since 1983.

The plans have not changed much for Martin. He said although the team has done well so far, it will continue to concentrate on improving its playing skills and take the rest of the season one

game at a time. The homefield advantage will be appreciated by the team.

"We are just a lot more relaxed and calm right now," Martin said. "Playing at home has something to do with it."

Maryville's passing is one of the keys to its success, he said.

"When you pass the ball well, good things are going to happen, and that's what we did tonight," Martin said.

As the season has progressed, the Spoofhounds have discovered their own meaning of the word team.

"We have finally worked all of the bugs out, and we are working better as a team," Lade said.

The team battled the Platte County Pirates Tuesday and led for the entire game, eventually winning, 50-34.

Leading the team was Lade with 18 points, 11 rebounds and six assists.

Lade suffered from an injury earlier this season, and Martin said she is already back in action.

"Lade has gotten the rust kicked off of her, and she has been someone that we have wanted to have games like this one all along," Martin said.

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Your Man remembers RA work



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Weekly Wanderer thinks back to when he ruled the residence halls

I strolled my way to the Union this week. Your Man wanted to check out his results from the computer dating game.

I was hoping to be matched up with a sorority girl, because they are like no-bake cookies. You don't have to put much work into them, and they are just as good.

I was unable to eat my food over the annoying sounds of KDLX. The call letters should be SUX, because boy does it.

There was a square red thing on the table begging for attention. It said ABC across it. I figured it was something produced by Greg Roper calling the alphabet a mind-washing ploy devised by the Greeks.

Instead, it was a recruitment card for the Residential Housing Association. Your Man was once a resident assistant. I know it's hard to believe that the old Stroller was cooped up in a dorm, but it's true.

As I read the card, I thought who could shed more valuable insight on what it's truly like to be an RA than me?

Being an RA is a unique experience. One good thing is that you will get an Aladine plan. Imagine eating at the Union for an entire year — think of the possibilities.

Not to mention you could get one of those cool lids that are see through, that say to everyone you pass on the way back to your dorm, "Look, I have no friends." However, the laugh will be on them when you make them close their door at 10 p.m.

RHA conducts really cool conferences as well. There is nothing like going to Kirksville to spend the night with 10 other cool RHA people from the region.

Imagine the wild things you could do. You could take more ice than you need from the ice machine, and some of them might even sit around and talk about the problems they face. Unfortunately, it would only last until 10 p.m. because of silent hours.

Those conferences teach you valuable programs like how to regain control of your floor after an illegal water fight. The best one I went to was "that nasty mess in the toilet and how Sherlock would find out who did it."

After awhile, you start to see the humor in people coming home drunk at 3 a.m. and pulling the fire alarm. Standing outside in the rain, deprived of sleep with a test the next morning, will help you laugh with everyone at the craziness of the guys on the next floor. One positive aspect of your job is that you

can see who is sleeping with who at night.

In fact, if you are ever living in the dorm and you want to see all the guys in Hudson Hall, just pull the fire alarm. Who's going to catch you, Campus Safety?

RAs also develop immense leadership skills. First of all, you are responsible for running the show at floor meetings. You can lead the best your floor has to offer.

Looking around the room, you'll see the kid who is on ISCA 20 hours a day, the fat kid who still misses mommy and the tall, lanky kid whose clothes you would swear were picked out by his mom.

They are the only ones who showed up because no one else would be caught dead at that meeting. Yes, you and your compatriots can make earth shattering decisions such as who will be the prestigious floor president, whether to have bingo night on the floor or to make it a hall wing-ding and whether you should allow fliers in the elevator?

The best part of being an RA is getting to police 20 to 60 (according to the square red thing on my table in the Den) new 18-year-olds away from home for the first time. You may be into upper-level major classes and need to study, and they won't have a thing to do.

Oh sure you can study while they play music at levels that shake the building. Unfortunately, "Come on Barbie" on repeat will reach the level of Hanson annoyance very quickly.

You'll enjoy your time on rounds too. You can check to see if people are too loud or if they have their door shut. You'll probably even get to make an alcohol bust.

In the end, those residents will understand that you were just doing your job when you wrote them up.

After they prank call you, spread rumors about you, penny your door shut, steal your clothes while your in the shower and just detest you, they will have as little respect for you as ever.

An RAs life is full of glamour and power. Oh, cheer up Res. Lifers, it isn't that bad. It looks great on your resumé, but do you really want to spend the best four to seven years of your life in a dorm room?

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- Track stars, at times
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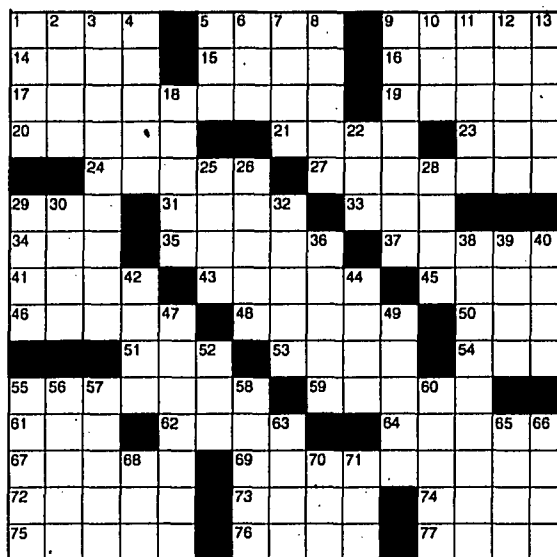
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- Polka instrument
- The Texaco Star Theater
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- Chops out weeds
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- Watchdog gp.?
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March 14 — Joe Henderson, Folly Theatre.
March 26-29 — NCAA Hoop City, Bartle Hall.

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April 17-19 — Stomp, Civic Auditorium Music Hall.

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Feb. 19 — "Films to Remember," Des Moines Art Center.
Feb. 20-22 — Cirque Ingenieux, Civic Center.
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Championship bound

'Cats, 'Hounds seek big wins, big pins

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

Two Maryville sports teams are headed down the road to a championship this weekend.

The Spoofhound wrestling team has five wrestlers going to state, and after losing to Washburn University 78-68, Wednesday, the Bearcats' men's basketball team is looking for the outright conference championship against Missouri Western State College at 7 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena.

"Part of being a good team is how you react to a big loss," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said following the 'Cats' loss to Washburn University during the KNIM postgame show.

After being picked to finish sixth in the MIAA preseason coaches' poll, Northwest has a chance to win its first conference championship since the 1986-87 season. But the 'Cats will face their biggest rival — the Griffons.

"The rivalry thing, and all that goes with it, always makes it a big game, but this could be a real special basketball game," Tappmeyer said.

An outright conference win for the 'Cats could also help the Northwest athletic program achieve something that has only happened seven times in the history of the MIAA conference. Northwest could be the first program to win the conference championship without a tie in football and basketball since 1966 when Southwest Missouri State University achieved it.

"One goal we had to begin the year (was) we said we wanted to be a team at our University that made history — that went down in the

history books," Tappmeyer said. "By tying it, you get some of that, but I think if you're a competitor, in games there are no ties, you want to stay on top by yourself."

The game will not only decide the MIAA champion but could have huge implications on the seeding of the conference and regional tournaments.

If the 'Cats and Griffons tie for the conference title, the Griffons will own the tiebreaker because of their record against non-MIAA Division II opponents and consequently have the first seed in the conference tournament.

The results of the game will also affect regional rankings. While there will be excitement in Maryville, the Hearnes Center should be bumping as well.

Five Spoofhound wrestlers will be chasing a state title this weekend in Columbia.

Seniors Mark Anderson (119 lbs.), Ryan Castillo (135 lbs.), Jeremy Lliteras (140 lbs.) and Adam Chadwick (152 lbs.) and junior D.J. Merrill (130 lbs.) will enter the state competition with different outlooks.

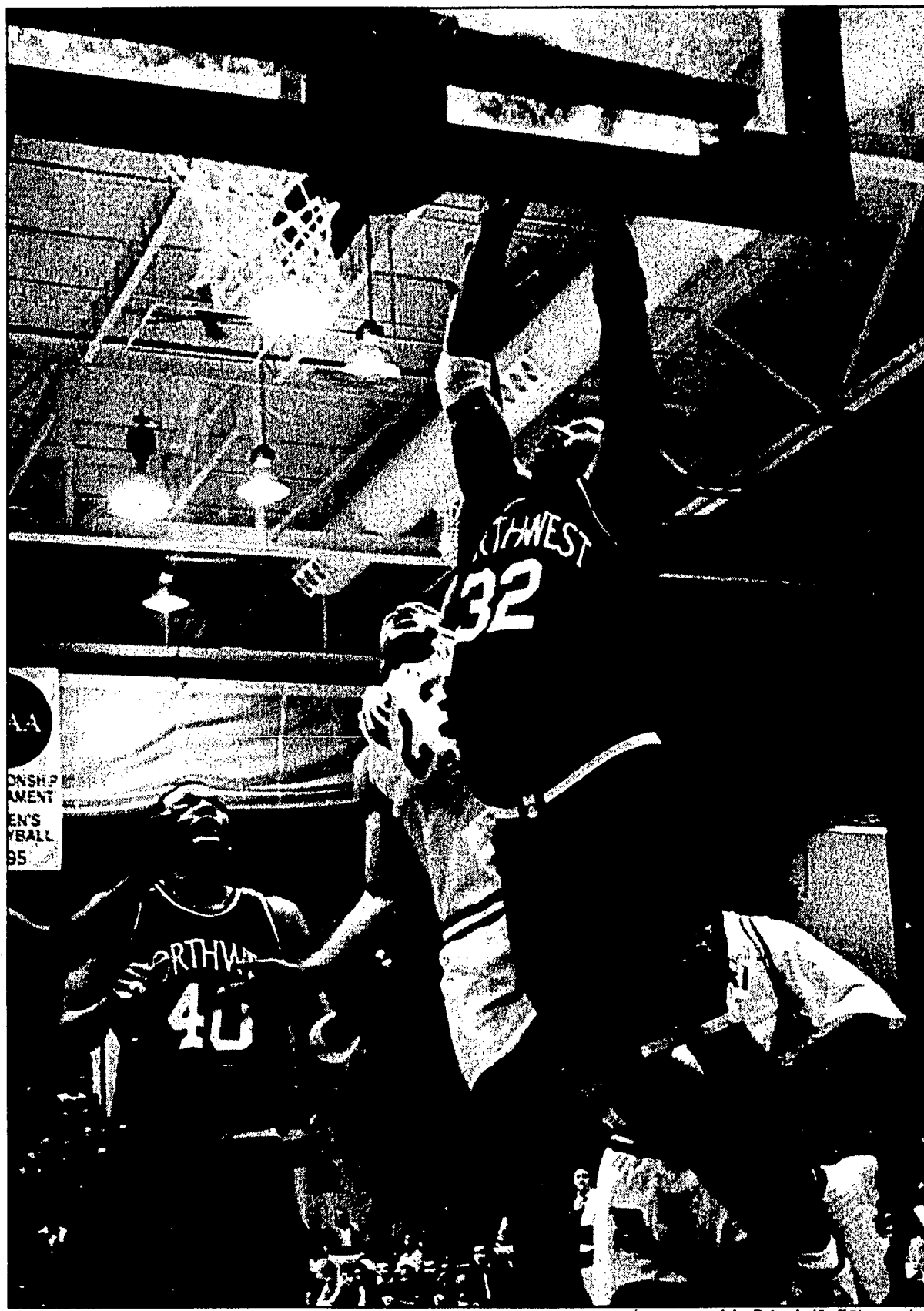
Some of the wrestlers just want to win, while others are more interested in self-satisfaction and not as focused on medals.

"I am going to wrestle the best I can and whatever happens, happens," Castillo said. "If I perform to the best of my abilities I will walk off the mat satisfied."

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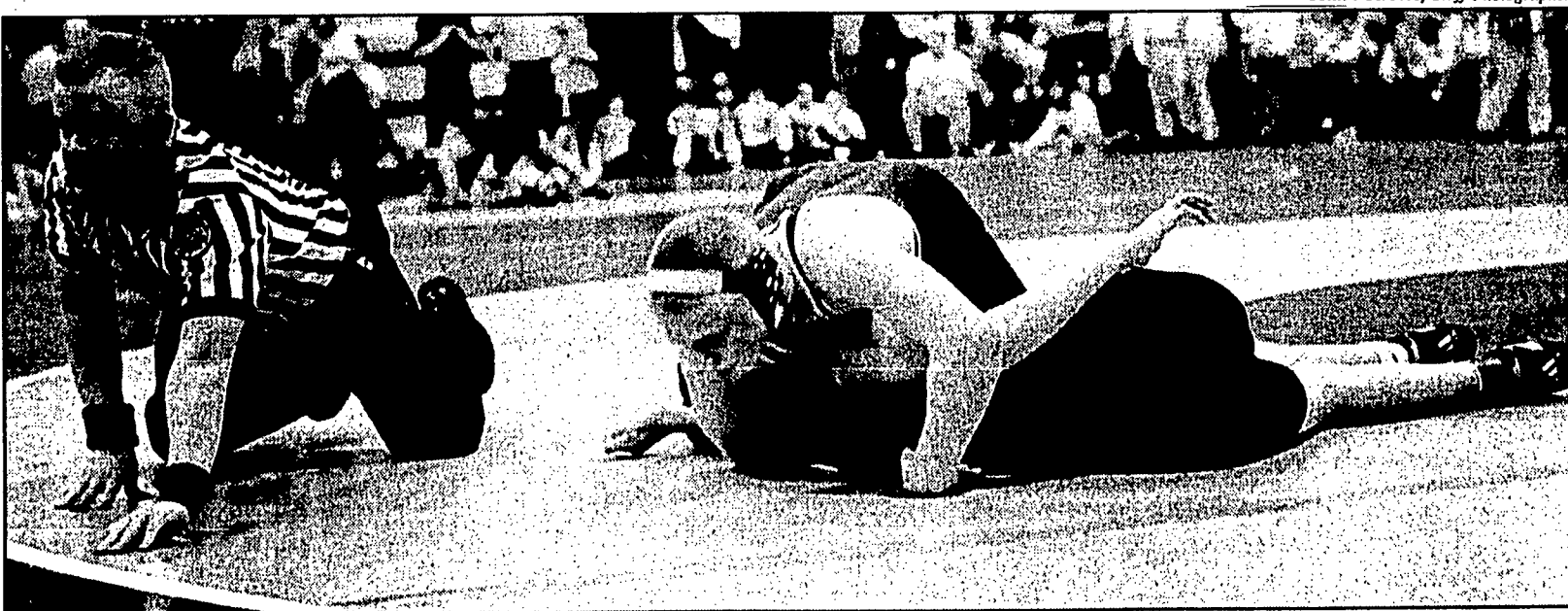
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John Petrovic/Staff Photographer

Brian Bureson (above) takes it to the rack with authority in this season's earlier matchup against Missouri Western State College Griffons. The Bearcats will play the Griffons Saturday at Bearcat Arena for the determination of the MIAA title. Freshman Jesse Reed (right) gets the pin in last weekend's sectional tournament in Platte City. Reed is one of five Spoofhounds advancing to the state tournament today in Columbia.

Darren Papek/
Photography Director



Authorities searching for Iowa man

Family seeks information after relative disappears from downtown Omaha bar

by Stephanie Zellstra
Assistant News Editor

Friends, family and police are searching for information about a Council Bluffs, Iowa, man who has been missing since Feb. 11.

John Steven Conaway was last seen in Omaha, Neb., between 10 and 10:30 p.m. at Buffalo Joe's Food & Spirits near Rosenblatt Stadium in downtown Omaha. He was seen leaving in his car from Buffalo Joe's, where he and friend Randy Pitts had a few beers.

Steve is a 36-year-old white male. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 140 pounds. He has naturally curly brown hair, a mustache and goatee. He is a diabetic and his family is concerned, because he is insulin dependent.

Steve was last seen wearing a white long-sleeve button-down collared shirt with vertical blue stripes and tan pants. It

is presumed that he drove away in his car, a 1989 gold Ford Taurus four door, with Iowa license plate 977-CLN.

Steve is the brother of Northwest student NaShaa Conaway, a senior technical theater major.

NaShaa and her family have been searching Omaha looking for clues that will lead to Steve.

"The bar was the last place he was seen," NaShaa said. "The bartender there remembered him and said he was in good spirits. Nothing seemed to be bothering him. He said that Steve and his friend were talking about getting golf memberships at a club and everything."

This limited information has family members, including three other siblings, baffled and concerned as to his whereabouts.

"Farnerbocken, a distributing company



Steve Conaway

where he is a sales representative, reported him missing because he didn't show up for work," NaShaa said. "They reported him because that was very uncharacteristic of him not to show up to work without calling or something."

NaShaa said there is not a missing person's report on Steve because there is no suspicion of foul play. All the Council Bluffs Police Department can do is classify it as an attempt to locate.

Council Bluffs Police Department said that he is an adult, and just because he hasn't contacted anyone, doesn't necessarily mean he is missing.

A report has been aired on Omaha television and radio stations.

"We just hope that by making people aware that we will be able to find him," NaShaa said. "We are just really baffled and very worried about him right now. There have been no leads and it is very frustrating right now. We haven't even been able to locate his vehicle."

If you have any information on the disappearance of Steve, contact the Council Bluffs Police Department at (712) 328-4728 or local authorities.

University presents opportunity for students to voice opinions

Plans for covenant will help solve future miscommunications during Quality Classroom Day

by Toru Yamauchi
Chief Reporter

It may be the last opportunity for students to voice their concerns about the University in front of faculty and administrators.

Students can share opinions and discuss concerns about study environments with various groups for the draft of the student creed at the Great Expectations: Quality Classroom Day '98 at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 26 in the Student Union Ballroom.

The draft of the student covenant, or creed, which is planned to be created this semester and included in the student handbook this fall, will outline student expectations that should help solve miscommunication with faculty.

"This document is so binding," Angel Harris-Lewis, Student Senate president, said. "Hopefully, it will last a very long time in the future."

Although many universities have a student covenant, Northwest has never had one. This causes many miscommunications in what students and professors expect from each other, Harris-Lewis said.

"A lot of times, at the end of the semester we hear students saying, 'I could have done a lot better in the class if I knew this is what the teacher was looking for,'" Harris-Lewis said. "On the other hand, I hear teachers say 'I didn't know students needed to go through the syllabus for him.' Basically, we are kind of (mis)understanding each other. So by having a draft of a student creed, we all know what is expected of us."

The discussion will start with an opening session at 1 p.m. in the Union Ballroom and will divide up various groups of students, faculty, administrators and support staff in different rooms. It will be followed by a closing session where the groups will gather later to exchange the different ideas.

Harris-Lewis said this will be the last chance for students to express their opinions.

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First Amendment

Policies under scrutiny

by Scott Summers
Community Sports Editor

Confusing University policies and miscommunication led to last week's debate over whether two students' First Amendment rights were violated, Northwest officials said.

Cynthia Cole and Robert Shields were attempting Feb. 2 to distribute fliers about the Second Amendment (the right to bear arms), as well as other statistics about guns.

The anti-gun control fliers were being distributed prior to a speech by Sarah Brady, chief spokeswoman for gun control, that took place later that evening.

Clarence Green, Campus Safety director, asked Cole and Shields to stop distributing the fliers, because he believed they needed to be approved by Student Senate in order to be distributed on campus.

In fact, Student Senate has no policy that restricts the distribution of fliers on campus. Student Senate regulates posting fliers on bulletin boards and in campus buildings.

However, on page 41 of the student handbook, it says "Any person, group or organization wishing to distribute fliers, leaflets, buttons, food, clothing or any other kind of hand-out on campus must first contact the appropriate authority."

The section in the handbook continues by saying that anyone wanting to distribute information on campus (other than the Student Union or residence halls) should contact the Student Affairs Committee of Student Senate.

Green said the situation was handled fairly and appropriately. He said he followed the guidelines printed in the handbook.

Angel Harris-Lewis, Student Senate president, said students need to be held accountable for the information in the handbook.

"What I think is irresponsible, and somewhat passing the buck, is to wait until a problem occurs and then start to point the finger at everybody that may have been responsible," Harris-Lewis said.

Harris-Lewis said the students need to stop complaining when someone tries to enforce what is in the student handbook.

"We just basically cried like babies," Harris-Lewis said. "Everybody has a problem with something when it hurts you personally or when you think it hinders you from doing something you personally want to do."

Harris-Lewis suggests students petition to get the rules changed instead of waiting for a problem to occur and reacting.

"If those two individuals never wanted to go about passing out those fliers, who knows?" Harris-Lewis said. "That rule in the student handbook might stay there for another 50 years."

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Our View

OF THE COMMUNITY

Media need new focus, must decide critical issue

Monica Lewinsky, Jennifer Flowers and Bill Clinton. These are all names we hear on a daily basis when tuning in to the evening news. But what about Saddam Hussein, United States fighter planes and chemical warfare?

The American media have fallen short of their duties to inform the United States citizens of important events. They have been so involved with the President's alleged sex scandal, that they have lost sight of the fact we may be on our way to war.

Just last week an additional 3,000 troops were sent to the Persian Gulf to maintain the military attack force against Iraq. Recently, the Pentagon sent six F-117 A stealth fighters, six F-16 fighters, six B-52 heavy bombers and one B-1 bomber to build a powerhouse of more than 300 U.S. planes already in the Gulf region.

These are the facts that should be in the nightly news. Americans need to know that thousands of our sons, daughters, moms and dads are facing air strikes and possibly could be risking lives for our country. Yet, the idea that President Clinton may or may not have had an affair with a White House intern is broadcasted by the mass media.

When the last Gulf War broke out in 1991, the media was all over it. They started broadcasting stories almost six months before the war even started. If the intern scandal had never taken place, it is almost guaranteed that Iraq would be the top story every night. We would be hearing Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State say we are well on our way to war. Albright made this comment only a week ago: "It's not days, it's not months — it's in the weeks category."

Interestingly enough, most Americans have no clue that we even have any troops in the Gulf. Most Americans get their news at 5 and 6 p.m., which is covering possibilities of Lewinsky e-mailing President Clinton. Only news channels like CNN are airing the possibilities of war with Iraq. Unfortunately, most Americans do not have time to watch CNN all day to find out what's really happening.

It is an embarrassment to the American public when a press conference meant for discussing current military concerns in the Middle East is used to clarify whether or not Clinton was involved in a sex scandal.

If the media believes the Clinton sex scandal is so important, they should be covering the possibilities that Clinton may have lied under oath. They should focus on the fact that there may have been an obstruction of justice and not if Bill cheated on Hillary. The scandal most certainly should not have precedence over a possible war.

Are television ratings and newspaper sales taking over what Americans see and hear on the news? Does the media believe Americans are more interested in sex and lies than the future of our parents and children?

It should, since they are the ones fighting a war.



Letters to the Editor

Approval keeps things orderly

Dear Editor,
I do not understand all the ranting about the gun rights protesters and their fliers. The First Amendment has never been absolute. For instance, the First Amendment does not protect your right to scream through a megaphone at 3 a.m. Public institutions have the right to control the time, place and manner in which free speech is exercised. You can say any old thing you want, but you cannot say it any old place and in any old way.

That has been the law for a very long time. Is it censorship that you have to have approval from Student Senate before posting on many campus bulletin boards? Is it unconstitutional to ask students to raise their hands for recognition before they speak in class?

No, these are just helpful ways to keep communication orderly. Asking people to get approval before distributing fliers is just another way to keep communication orderly. Maybe it is more order than we want, and it certainly is more order than I want, but it is hardly fascist thuggery. It would have been unfair not to enforce the existing rules in a special case. Yes, let's change the rules, but more calmly, please.

Keith Rhodes,
coordinator of composition

Brady should speak truth

Dear Editor,
Ah... Sarah Brady was in town and I have my regrets. You've all been there, "the morning after" when you know what you should have said and didn't.

Mrs. Brady began her lecture advocating more gun control legislation by claiming she and the organization she supports don't want to ban firearms. She expressed her desire to keep firearms from the "wrong" people.

My regret? During the question period, I wish I'd said, "You expect all of us to count on someone else (i.e. government, law enforcement) to protect us instead of being responsible for ourselves. I have one question for which I'd like a simple yes or no answer. Would you be happy to know that every home in the United States did not contain a firearm?" If Sarah wanted to be completely honest with us, she'd have answered yes.

And there's the truth people. Don't allow yourselves to be fooled. Sarah, and the politicians she wants you to vote for, have only one goal; to ultimately take away the right of every law-abiding citizen to "keep and bear arms."

The Northwest lecture series is a learning experience for this misinformed generation. I challenge (Bryan) Vansdale and the activity committee to provide equal time for others to express their views concerning gun control. Let's bring another recognized speaker to Maryville. I suggest the well-known and highly respected Mr. Charlton Heston or Ms. Marion Hammer, the current president of the NRA (National Rifle Association).

We need to tell the whole truth. Mr. Vansdale and Northwest students, will you take this challenge?

Diane Ackman,
Maryville resident

Challenge others, not Greeks

Dear Editor,
Or more correctly, Dear Gregory Roper. I find your assumptions that Greeks= alcoholism, Greeks=rape and Greeks=bad students to be extremely naive. You accuse people of spouting "the usual pabulum...the nationals put

out", but then you "spout the usual pabulum" of the anti-Greeks. Do you honestly think that the Greek system is the source of evil on university campuses?

Date-rape, binge drinking and lack of enthusiasm in education are symptoms of our culture, not simply the influence of the Greek system. You paint them as the party devils of the campus and removing them will remove the problem. Removing alcohol or parties from the Greek system, or removing the Greek system all together, only moves the problems to a house down the street. A house where you won't find a DD (designated driver), any semblance of brotherhood or sisterhood or any sense of service besides getting trashed in the name of Bud-Light. I'm not saying that the Greek system is the best, but I can surely imagine worse. But the state of the Greek system isn't the point. The state of our society is. So instead of challenging the Greeks to put down their beer, challenge me and the rest of this society to create a world where the smart aren't nerds, getting smashed isn't cool and violence toward women isn't a way of life.

The world we live in is a product of our action, you and me. So don't blame the Greeks. Blame yourself. You're our teacher after all. Have us look at the problem in this way and maybe more of us will show up to class.

Jerry Nevins
Philosophy/theater/government major

Senate gets unfair coverage

Dear Editor,
Fact: There is a little known document entitled the Constitution of the United States. In this document is the First Amendment, giving us the right to talk, to worship and even to hand out fliers at seminars.

Fact: Two students, before Sarah Brady addressed Northwest concerning gun control, were exercising this right by distributing fliers to those who were going to the speech. Campus Safety officer, Clarence Green, took it upon himself to tell these students they were not allowed to hand out the fliers using Student Senate as his scapegoat.

Fact: The Northwest printed one article and one opinion bashing Student Senate for posting the rules that have been in effect long before we were students. Not one Student Senate member was mentioned in the front page article concerning this supposed act of injustice and constitutional restriction.

I was quite shocked and appalled at the audacity of the paper to print such one-sided journalism. I understand the editorial and that a stand had to be taken. Was it necessary to smear Senate on the front page? Even the Stroller got on the bandwagon eluding to the insignificance of Student Senate as an organization on this campus. If Senate is not even worth knowing, or even given a second thought, why did the Missouriian care to devote four major parts of the paper to this organization?

Another aspect of the reporting that perplexed me was the fact that the people that were interviewed for this article are very high up people, with apparently lots of influence and power. My question is why did the Missouriian involve a Student Press lawyer from Arlington, Va., when the problem seems to be in Maryville?

The issue at hand seems to be protecting the civil liberties of the student body. Is Student Senate the administration, or according to the editorial cartoon, God restricting your rights to post on this campus? Are these entities keeping you from showing support for a cause you believe in so deeply? If so, come to Student Senate at 7 p.m. on

Tuesday nights in University Club North. Tell Senate how you feel, change the rules that appear to be unconstitutional and just plain mean.

I encourage Jacob DiPietro to work a little closer to home when attempting to get quotes for a story. I also strongly encourage the Stroller to not start the same unnecessary bashing that last semester's Stroller practiced.

Sarah Derks,
senior class president

Article misinforms reader

Dear Editor,
Unfortunately, I must report that some misinformation was reported in the Feb. 12 edition of this newspaper. In the article "Students question freedoms" and "First Amendment rights in question," the powers of Student Senate were misrepresented. Student Senate is responsible for approving all signs and posters that student organizations wish to post on the Student Senate bulletin boards. Because Senate does own these bulletin boards, it does have the right to decide what can be posted on them. Very rarely does Senate not approve a sign, and it is by no means a complicated process.

As Senate's vice-president of policies, I can safely say that Student Senate's by laws and policies do not include any statute that requires that fliers must be approved by Senate before they are disseminated. Senate does hold itself responsible to the Constitution of the United States, and does not make any attempt to infringe on the rights to free speech of any individual. In my opinion, Cynthia Cole and Robert Shields should not have been stopped from handing out their fliers.

Andrew Saeger,
Student Senate vice president of policies

Stroller should apologize

Dear Editor,
Of course, certain people have long held a bias against our fraternities and sororities viewing them solely as opportunities for freshmen to pay money to have friends exactly like them, but old enough to buy beer. Furthermore, the Stroller has a long tradition of providing anonymity for hacks to publish poorly-written, ill-reasoned, unresearched, knee-jerk comments on whenever happens to cross their minds — a short crossing at any rate.

However, our much-abused fraternity men should take particular umbrage at last week's Stroller. Our heroine merely pretends to attack Roper's arguments, not by addressing the arguments themselves but through naive name-calling (you can be sure calling him a "gasp!" "liberal" hit him where it hurt), all while providing more ammo for the anti-frat party.

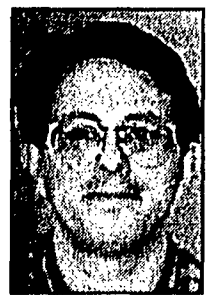
She says, for instance, that the Select 2000 initiative, directed by the national leadership of some fraternities in an effort to curb both excessive drinking and, more importantly, escalating insurance premiums, would damage the membership rolls of Maryville's fraternities. But, as any young pledge will tell you, frat life is about brotherhood & service, not drinking, so the Stroller is clearly wrong.

The Stroller implicitly argues that the "brotherhood & service" rap is crap and that fraternity life is indeed about getting wasted. Northwest's fraternities should demand that she apologize and, furthermore, they should do everything in their power to demonstrate that she is wrong — perhaps by listening carefully to the constructive criticism of faculty members who do care deeply that their students derive every benefit they can from the University experience (which included both academics and having a good time).

Kenton Wilcox

It's Your Turn

Do you think the United States should go to war with Iraq? Why?



"No, I think we have a lot of negative diplomatic faults. We have not accomplished the objectives to my understanding."

Frank Baudino,
head librarian



"No, we shouldn't have a war because of gasoline. American soldiers don't die for the country. They die for gasoline."

Baris Sahin,
computer science major



"Yes, the U.S. should go to war, so Saddam Hussein wouldn't keep on aggravating the U.S. anymore."

Marcus Whitworth,
accounting and finance major



"I think we should because they need to get something done but then again they need to compromise and come to a more peaceful decision. Because a war doesn't solve anything."

Cristina Sowards,
Smoothies girl



"No, because Russia told us not to fight with Iraq. (If we do) then Russia will get mad at us and kill us."

Michelle Frew,
undecided major



"Yes, because Saddam's had enough chances to back away. So something has to be done."

Corey Murphy,
geography major



"I'll leave it up to the president to decide what's best. I'll leave it up to the expertise of the president and the government."

Kent Marlow,
Bearcat Bookstore

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Festival brings authors to campus

■ **Writers, musicians share accomplishments with University members**

by **Mark Hornickel**
Chief Reporter

A wealth of noted authors gathered to share their literary works during the Tower Festival of Literary Arts Monday and Tuesday.

Throughout the festival, works were presented in a variety of ways. "If you look at the things the people read (at the festival) they're very small things," featured writer LeAnn Keenan Francis said. "But they take on a larger meaning when you change the perspective, and I think that's important to get people's slants on things, and to make you think."

Northwest's distinguished English professor William Trowbridge said the purpose of the festival was to bring students and writers together.

"The goal of the festival is to bring living writers into the presence of students," Trowbridge said. "It's a chance for them to see that works are being created all the time and it gives some exposure to students."

The activities marked the second time the festival took place. Last year, the festival received such a good response that it was scheduled again this year, Trowbridge said.

"It was quite a success judging by the responses we've gotten back and the overwhelming attendance we had," Trowbridge said.

Featured writer John Akers thrilled his audience Monday night with a musical performance of his own songs, as well as classics of the past. He writes and chooses to perform music from a wide range of influential material such as gospel, pop, folk, punk and country.

Trowbridge was also among the authors Tuesday. He read several of his comical poems on subjects ranging from the struggle between a father and son while building a model airplane to thoughts from the point



Poet Gull Coniglio speaks at Tuesday's Literary Festival in the University Conference Center. Coniglio works as senior salesclerk at The Bookstop on Main Street. She is also an editor for "The

Advocate," the newsletter for the Maryville chapter of American Association of University Women. Coniglio also has had her poems nationally published in "A Certain Attitude: Poems by Seven Texas Women."

John Petrovic/Staff Photographer

of view of King Kong.

The literary festival also featured Jonis Agee, whose first two novels were New York Times Notable Books of the Year, and Jim Simmerman, whose work was nominated for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

Many of the writers became interested in writing simply by reading the works of others and taking creative writing classes.

The writers believe it is important for people to understand literature, because it has an influence on the world around us.

"It's a reflection of the world," featured writer Gull Coniglio said. "People who write want to connect. Although the writers have received many honors, they realize not everything will turn out the way they hope."

"I tend to paralyze myself," Keenan Francis said. "I say, 'OK, this has to be perfect,' and then I just can't do anything. You just have to let yourself be bad and not everything you put on paper or on the computer has to be wonderful. You just have to show up and see what happens."

"People who write want to connect. Although the writers have received many honors, they realize not everything will turn out the way they hope."

■ **Gull Coniglio, featured writer**

Modern language, music departments unite to educate students, residents

by **Jason Klindt**
Missourian Staff

The world came to Maryville for dinner. Students and residents celebrated the multicultural affairs dinner Tuesday in the Student Union.

The dinner is a cooperative effort between students in the modern languages department and the music department to bring together education and fun.

"It introduces people, both students and faculty, to European style (of dining) and tastes," said Louise Horner, modern languages instructor.

The six-course meal was separated with an entertainment piece between each dish. The musical theme for the event was French pieces from the 19th and 20th centuries. The entertainment featured pianists, singers and even a Mexican hat dance.

"We have a professor from Monterrey (Mexico) and he and some students performed the dance for us," Horner said.

The food consisted of dishes from Spain, Mexico, Canada and France. More than 100 people participated in the event.

This was the sixth year the dinner has been sponsored by the members of Alpha Mu Gamma and Phi Sigma Iota.

"They are separate as national organizations, but here at Northwest, the two function together as a modern language club," Horner said, who is also the adviser for Alpha Mu Gamma.

The students do not cook the food, but they do get the experience of serving their customers and acting as hosts and hostesses for the night. The planning and preparation for the event are a major part of the dinner.

"We had many compliments on the entertainment and food," Horner said.

Horner said the dinner accomplished its goal of showing various aspects of culture, and she was pleased with the turnout.



Professor Armando Gonzalez and Adriana Albers finish the dance "El Jarabe tapatio" at the Festival of Cultures Tuesday night.

Darren Papak/Photography Director

Smoking ban raises stink in halls

by **Amy Smith**
Contributing Writer

A recent proposal by the Residence Hall Association may cause future conflicts with residents.

The proposal will eliminate smoking on all residence hall floors.

"When I first got here six years ago, it was fifty-fifty for smoking rooms," said Mark Hetzler, interim assistant for the vice president of Student Affairs. "They have since phased it out to one smoking floor per hall and Phillips (Hall) is already smoke-free."

The proposal suggests that the smoking ban will be slowly phased in over a course of semesters.

"The earliest this can be finalized will be in November," Hetzler said. "So the earliest it could take effect would be the fall of 1999."

Hetzler said it is too late for the proposal to take effect in the fall of 1998.

Heather Libby, a resident assistant

on a smoking floor in Hudson Hall, said not many of her residents actually smoke.

"Only five out of 13 of my residents actually smoke," Libby said. "I don't find it a problem to work on a smoking floor."

Bethany Hutschreider is an RA in Millikan Hall and lives on a non-smoking floor. She said the smoke sometimes startles you when you walk up to a smoking floor.

"I can definitely smell the smoke when I am doing rounds," Hutschreider said. "If I had to live there, it would bother me, but I don't."

Adrian Jones, policies committee chair for RHA, is in charge of the proposal. Jones, as well as his committee, have done a lot of research to find out student demands for smoking floors.

"There are a great deal of smokers who do not want to live on a smoking floor for various reasons," Jones said. "There are (also) residents

who did not want to live on a smoking floor, but were placed there anyway, due to a lack of non-smoking facilities."

BryAnn Cook, a non-smoker who lives on a smoking floor in Hudson Hall, said you can't really smell the smoke.

"I think the way they have it now is good," Cook said. "I can't smell it in the hall, but when you walk into certain rooms you can really smell it."

Brigid James is a smoker who lives on a smoking floor in Hudson. She said the students will still smoke, but will find ways to get around it.

"They are going to smoke whether they are able to or not," James said.

The policy committee conducted three open forums to discuss the residents' opinions on the proposal.

The first session was in South Complex, and the attendance was high. Two other forums, in Hudson Hall and Dieterich Hall had low attendance.

In Brief

Student teachers schedule meeting

A meeting for fall semester student teachers will be at 4 p.m. Feb. 25 at the University Conference Center.

For more information, contact Michael Graham at 562-1541.

Spring Career Day slated for Tuesday

Spring Career Day will be from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Union Ballroom.

Many businesses, companies and government agencies will be present for students to gather information

about job opportunities and internships. Professional dress is recommended. Participants should also bring copies of their résumé. Web registration is required to participate in on-campus interviews or internship opportunities.

For more information, contact Career Services at 562-1250.

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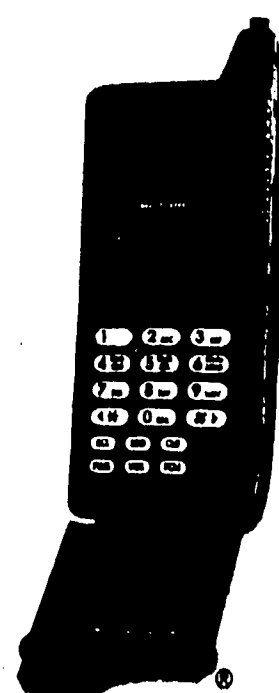
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Construction continues at Mozingo

■ **Additional features, improvements enhance lake area this summer**

by Nicole Fuller
Assignment Director

Mozingo Lake will offer residents additional features this summer because of construction during the winter months.

The Conservation Department has been working on several different areas that will make improvements to the park.

"They are doing about \$500,000 worth of work and have about 85 percent finished," David Middleton, Mozingo Lake superintendent, said.

One of the projects will be a 90 by 32 foot concrete boat ramp. Restroom facilities and a fish cleaning station will be constructed near the boat ramp.

It will also have a 60-car and trailer parking lot.

Another feature in the park will be a new fishing dock.

"There will be the handicap-accessible fishing dock," Middleton said. "It will have about a 15-car parking lot and restroom facilities. It will be accessible all the way down to the dock."

The dock will be about 35 by 28 feet with a 200-foot sidewalk

that is approved by the American Disabilities Act, Middleton said.

There will be a 15-car with trailer parking lot and a smaller boat ramp on the northwest end of the lake. There will also be a 10-car parking lot for hikers and hunters on the northeast side of the lake.

Maryville will focus on laying the asphalt for the roads.

"March 2 we will open bids on the asphalt," Middleton said. "We are going to start at (U.S.) 136 and go as far as we can go to the gravel road in front of the golf course."

The city is hoping to asphalt to at least a mile-and-a-half, and the approximate cost of the construction will be around \$190,000, Middleton said.

The Maryville City Council also passed an ordinance in its first reading that would allow people to swim off their boats up to 50 feet in designated areas. Council members will vote Monday for its second reading.

The areas included are the southwest cove near the handicap fishing dock and the two smaller coves on the southeast side near the dam overflow and emergency spillway.

"I think the coves are better than having it out in the middle of the lake," Middleton said. "It is going to be as safe as you are going to get and people are going to do it."



The new ramp built to accommodate handicapped visitors at Mozingo leads from the parking lot to the water's edge.

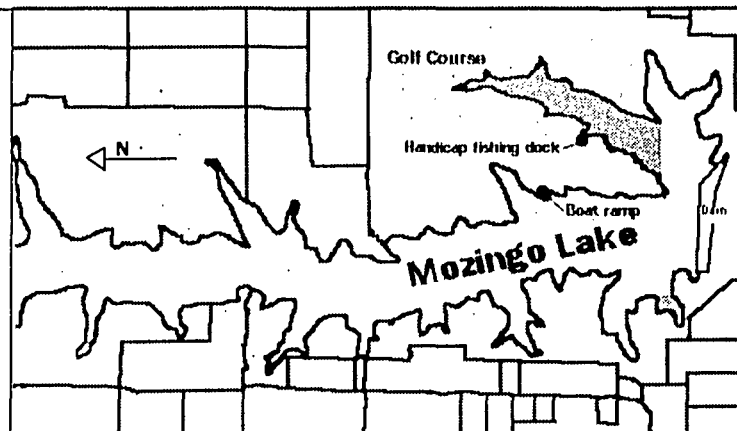
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Summer fun

New features to Mozingo Lake.

- Boat ramp: located on the southeast side of the lake near the beach area.
- Handicap fishing dock: located in the finger of the lake on the southeast side
- Shaded areas indicate possible off boat swimming areas: located in three areas — in the finger of the lake, and two smaller coves by the dam

Nicole Fuller/Assignment Director



Flu virus plagues Nodaway County

by Kelsey Lowe
Missourian Staff

The flu virus hit Nodaway County harder than usual this year. It prompted the West Nodaway County R-I school district to cancel school Feb. 2.

There were 60 to 90 students absent with the flu every day the last week of January, superintendent Steve Andes said.

"There is a certain point in time when (illness is) unproductive to the education process," Andes said. "It didn't seem to be getting any better, so we decided to have a three-day weekend. When we did come back, absenteeism was down considerably."

About 96 percent of the district's 410 students would have been present on a normal day, Andes said.

Barbara Heckathorn, Eugene Field Elementary School principal, said there seems to be two different types of illnesses going around school.

"One is a respiratory illness and the other is a respiratory/vomiting-type illness," Heckathorn said.

However, the health of Eugene Field's 465 students has improved since the worst case scenario about three weeks ago.

"At the high point, we had about 65 students out, but in the past few

days about 30 have been out sick each day, so it's getting better," Heckathorn said. "Normally, we would have about 10 (absent)."

The absence rate at Washington Middle School was even higher among its 480 students. The last week of January was also the worst time for them, with 70 students absent one day, school nurse Stacia Thompson said.

"The problem with it this year is that it lasts so long," Thompson said. "With the upper respiratory-type bug with a high fever, cough and severe congestion, students have been out a minimum of four to five days. If they try to come back too soon or push too hard, they're back down again."

Thompson said that throughout this flu season, as many as 80 students have come to see her in one day. She sees about 30 students on a normal day.

Parental support of each school has been a key to the prevention of the illness lasting any longer than necessary.

"The parents have been very good about monitoring it and trying to keep children home when they are sick," Heckathorn said. "We encourage parents not to send the children back until 24 hours after they are fever-free."

Marcia Beason, LPN and St. Francis Family Health Care nursing

supervisor, said the flu is typically present before obvious symptoms even present themselves.

"Usually, it's contagious from a couple of days before the symptoms occur until they're fever-free for 24-48 hours," Beason said. "A fever usually occurs for three to five days, but people should contact their physician if it lasts longer or if there is ear pain or difficulty breathing."

Quick tips for flu prevention

The following are suggestions to prevent the spread of the flu virus from Marcia Beason, St. Francis Family Health Care nursing supervisor:

- Wash hands frequently
- Clean surfaces many people come into contact with, such as in work areas
- Get plenty of rest
- Maintain a well-balanced diet
- Wash dishes in dishwasher or add bleach to rinse water



Principal receives recognition

by M.J. Vinson
Missourian Staff

It's not every day that a principal is recognized as one of the nation's most outstanding administrators.

Sue Dorrel, the principal of St. Gregory's grade school, won the Distinguished Principal's Award for her leadership in Catholic education.

Dorrel, along with 12 other administrators nationwide, will receive the award in April at the National Catholic Education Association's annual convention in Los Angeles.

"The award is a gift to everyone," Dorrel said. "I hope everyone (connected with the school) understand that. It takes so many people for this to happen."

Dorrel has been the principal of St. Gregory's for five years and has continued building on the foundation of her predecessors. Dorrel has taught at the secondary and post-secondary levels in public schools. As the first lay principal at St. Gregory's, she takes pride in the school and respects the Catholic educational program.

"The faculty, staff, parents and students are what makes the school," Dorrel said. "The hard work of these individuals has placed St. Gregory's as a leader in education."

The staff also recognizes Dorrel's dedication to improving the students' education.

Sue Seipel, first-grade teacher, said Dorrel shows students she is concerned with their spiritual, physical and



■ Sue Dorrel
St. Gregory's principal

"The award is a gift to everyone... It takes so many people for this to happen."

intellectual growth.

Dorrel often reads to Seipel's class and has dressed as a farmer and an angel on separate occasions to further develop her relationships with the students.

"She comes into the classroom and does a lot of things, as far as helping us out as teachers," Seipel said. "It shows the students she likes to participate and play an active role in their learning, by involving herself as a principal in their daily lives."

Over the past five years, Dorrel, with the support of many others, has taken strides to improve the school and prepare for its future. They have worked together to provide effective programming and leadership in many areas, especially in extracurricular activities and technology.

The school also added an early childhood center and multipurpose building under her direction. The school offers day-care, preschool, elementary school and various after-school programs.

Dorrel was nominated by the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocesan School Board.

Dorrel, her husband, Gene, and their children have plans to attend the awards ceremony.

In Brief

Cancer Society plans daffodil fund-raiser

The Nodaway County American Cancer Society will welcome spring by celebrating Daffodil Days with flower deliveries from March 6-8.

The flowers serve as a symbol of hope to cancer patients.

The daffodils are \$1 per flower, \$7 for small bouquets, \$10 for large bouquets, \$75 for 250 flowers and \$150 for 500 flowers. Proceeds will be used for cancer research, education and service for Nodaway County residents.

For more information or to place

an order contact Chris Pavalis at 562-5688 or Michael Vinson at 582-5621.

Restaurant prepares for March opening

A new steakhouse will be opening in Maryville.

Zipp's Fairground Restaurant is scheduled to open sometime in mid-March said owner Zipp Renshaw.

The steakhouse will be located in the building that was formerly Sarah's Family Restaurant. It is being remodeled and will be an accessory of the nearby Microtel Inn & Suites.

Rural health group invites new members

The Health Council will have a meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Feb. 23 at the St. Francis Hospital Hospitality Room.

Those interested in joining one of the Community Solutions for Rural Health task groups are invited to attend.

Nodaway County is one of three counties in Missouri participating in the project. For more information, contact Mitzi Lutz at the Missouri Regional Council of Governments at 582-5121.



Court Watch

■ Jermaine Simmons pled guilty to felony charge of passing bad checks. It is under investigation at the present time. Judge John Andrews ordered him to reappear March 23 for sentencing.

■ Terry Troncin pled guilty to a misdemeanor of marijuana. He was ordered to serve 90 days in jail. Troncin's probation was revoked on a previous stealing offense. He was ordered to serve five years in the penitentiary.

■ John H. Gill was on probation for possession of marijuana. His probation was revoked, and he was ordered to serve five years in the penitentiary. The court retains jurisdiction.

■ Terry Lee Ross pled guilty to all eight counts of distribution of controlled substance. Four counts were for the sale of methamphetamine and four counts were for the sale of marijuana. He was ordered to reappear March 23 for presentencing.

■ Jackie Crawford pled guilty to felony charge of passing bad checks. The court suspended sentence. She was placed on probation for four years and is to serve 40 hours of public service and restitution.

■ Ronnie E. Evans' preliminary hearing is set for March 2. He remains in custody of the sheriff.

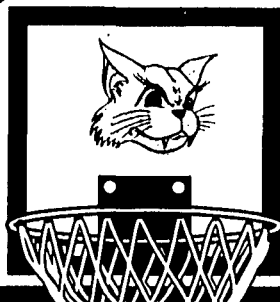
■ Clint Taylor will appear in court March 24 at 9:30 a.m. for deposition.

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Public Safety

February 10

■ A fire unit responded to the 600 block of East Seventh Street in reference to a vehicle leaking gasoline. A solvent was applied and the area was washed down.

February 11

■ A local business reported that person(s) had taken two gold rings with stones in the center. Estimated value was \$299.

■ While Donald O'Riley, Hopkins, was parked, his vehicle was struck by a vehicle that then left the scene.

February 12

■ Dorothy V. Serna, New Mexico, Mo., struck the vehicle of Donna M. Renshaw, Skidmore, then backed into the vehicle of Scott E. Wilmes, Maryville. Serna was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Officers responded to a loud party in the 1100 block of North College Drive. They observed Janet M. Tierney, 20, Maryville, with an alcoholic beverage. She was given a summons for minor in possession. The occupants, Tiffanie L. Sly, 21, and Megan McFee, 22, were both given summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

February 13

■ An officer responded to a local establishment after receiving a complaint that a male subject had attempted to enter their business, and they were questioning his identification. Upon arrival, the subject was questioned, and he denied that it was his identification. He was finally identified as Erin S. Larison, 17, St. Joseph. He was issued a summons for providing false information to a police officer and for possessing a falsified identification card.

■ An officer took a report from a school bus driver that a female had failed to stop while the bus was unloading on the corner of First and

Vine streets. Contact has not been made with the driver.

■ A Maryville female reported that she had been receiving harassing phone calls.

■ A Barnard female reported that while her vehicle was parked in the 1000 block of South Main Street, \$30 and approximately 10 compact discs were taken.

■ A Maryville male reported that his vehicle sustained a scratch on the driver's side door, while it was parked in the 1500 block of South Munn Street. Later that day, the passenger's side door was scratched in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

■ A fire unit responded to the 200 block of West Seventh Street. The occupant said he heard a noise and a small flash in the kitchen. When he entered the kitchen, he could smell smoke. An investigation of the residence did not reveal anymore fire or smoke.

■ Dennis R. VanGundy was stopped in traffic on South Main Street. His vehicle was struck from behind by Ruth J. Warner, Skidmore. Warner said her vehicle was hit in the rear by another vehicle that left the scene. Warner was given a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

February 14

■ A 1987 Buick was towed from the 400 block of North Buchanan Street, where it was illegally parked.

■ A local business reported that three males left without paying for their meals. The cost of the meals was \$37.05.

February 15

■ Fire units responded to a structure fire on the 300 block of East Fourth Street. Upon arrival, the second floor had heavy smoke. It was determined the smoke was coming from a bedroom, and the fire was contained to that room and extinguished. The room received heavy smoke and heat damage. All contents were a total loss. There was no other damage to

the rest of the structure.

■ A Maryville male reported that his company's delivery truck was parked in the 1100 block of North Mulberry Street. He went to check on it and the rear door was open.

■ Allen L. Godsey, Ravenwood, was traveling west on First Street and was entering the construction zone east of the 102 River bridge. He said a vehicle ahead of him suddenly applied its brakes, and when he applied his brakes he lost control, left the roadway and struck a utility pole. No citations were issued.

February 16

■ An officer served a warrant to Leslie D. Graf, 21, Maryville, for failure to appear. She was released on bond.

February 17

■ An officer served a warrant to Michelle L. Hensley, 25, King City, for failure to appear. She was released on bond.

■ A Maryville male reported the theft of his daughter's bicycle from his yard. It was described as a small lavender frame with pink seat and handle grips. Estimated loss was \$25.

■ William R. Bell was stopped in traffic on North Main Street and was rear ended by Lisa M. Gregory. Gregory was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Jennifer L. Clement, Maitland, was pulling from a private drive heading east on College Avenue and struck Sarah A. Carhill, Jefferson, Iowa. Clement was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Ivan W. Hayworth was in the turning lane on South Main Street. He tried to leave the turning lane and struck John A. Bears, Barnard. Hayworth was issued a citation for failure to yield.

■ Christopher L. Bowles was on East First Street attempting to make a turn and turned into the path of Teddy E. Hanson. Bowles was issued a citation for failure to yield.

New Arrival

Corby Ronald Walker

Ronnie and Brenda Walker, Grant City, are the parents of Corby Ronald, born Feb. 11 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and joins one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Euclid and Mary Cadrette, Lisbon, N.Y.; and Denizil and Virginia Walker, Grant City.

Campus Safety

February 10

■ A student reported damage to their vehicle while it was parked on campus. After an interview, it was found that the owner inflicted damage on their own vehicle.

February 12

■ Campus Safety arrested a subject on campus on a warrant.

■ Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency in a building on campus. Emergency Medical Services transported the patient to St. Francis Hospital.

■ Campus Safety investigated a report of property damage to a building on campus. An investigation was initiated.

February 13

■ Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in a building on campus. It was a false alarm.

February 14

■ Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in a building on campus. After an investigation, it was reported that the fire alarm was caused by burning paper.

■ Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency in a building on campus. Emergency Medical Services transported the patient to St. Francis Hospital.

Obituaries

Madgel Penlsten

Madgel Penlsten, 86, Vassar, Kan., died Feb. 8 at Osage Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Vassar, Kan.

She was born in Jan. 16, 1912, to Thomas and Lucy Penlsten in Maryville.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were Wednesday at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

Dorothy Bowland

Dorothy M. Bowland, 82, Maryville, died Feb. 16 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born July 8, 1915, to Earl and Stella Rowe in Maryville.

Survivors include one daughter, Beverly Auten; one son, Jerry Park; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two nieces and two nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

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to work for change.

Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs, said he does not believe there is anything wrong with the policy in the handbook, except that perhaps it is not clear enough.

"The bigger question is how do you carry out the policy?" Porterfield said. "The intent, as I read it, is that groups register when they're going to be on campus. It doesn't appear to prohibit people from distributing information."

The purpose of the University's rule is not to impose upon students'

rights, Porterfield said.

"The last thing I think you want to do on a college campus is inhibit free discussion about issues," Porterfield said. "It's fine to demonstrate. It's fine to pass out information, but there's a process for going about doing that."

The University should definitely reevaluate its position on the policy before next year's handbook is published, Porterfield said.

He said the first thing it must do is determine whether the policy does what Northwest wants it to do.

"Secondly, (we must determine) what is the best way to carry it out so that you don't create further problems or confusion," Porterfield said.

QUALITY

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"If they miss the day, this opportunity is not (coming) back," Harris-Lewis said. "This is the only opportunity to provide some sort of significant feedback."

One of the goals for the day is to have as many students and faculty members attend as possible. To do so, Harris-Lewis is asking all professors to excuse their students.

"By the same token, we are also asking the students actually do attend if the teachers do work with that al-

lowing them to miss class, not just take a day off," Harris-Lewis said.

Although Provost Tim Gilmour permitted faculty members to dismiss their classes, the final decision is up to individual professors, said Keith Rhodes, co-chair of the Quality Classroom Committee.

This time the semi-annual program will focus more on students. The word, symposium, is no longer used because it is a vague word that many students cannot identify, Harris-Lewis said.

A student committee assisted by a faculty committee planned and prepared for the event.

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Bearcats crumble to Ichabods, 78-68

by JP Farris
Chief Reporter

The 'Cats were downed by the Washburn Ichabods, 78-68, Wednesday, temporarily spoiling their shot at the lone conference champion and halting their 14-game winning streak.

The 'Cats came out to a slow start falling behind 19-2.

"It was an awful frustrating first two minutes," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said in the KNIM post-game show.

Coming out to such a poor start, one might think the 'Cats were caught looking past Washburn.

"You're concerned that when you clinch a tie for conference that you might get content," Tappmeyer said before the game.

"I thought our guys came out playing hard, but we weren't very sharp and we didn't have the concentration," he said after the game.

A technical foul assessed to Washburn head coach Bob Chipman in the first half sparked a big run for Northwest.

"I think our defense got us back in it," Tappmeyer said.

The 'Cats finally got the lead in the second half but were too fatigued and had lost sophomore guard Phil Simpson and junior forward LeVant Williams to five fouls.

"You spend a lot coming back like that," Tappmeyer said. "We just didn't have anything left to come back with."

Northwest 75 CMSU 58

The 'Cats won their 14th straight game and clinched a tie for the conference title, Saturday against Central Missouri State University 75-58.

The game was not near as close as when the two faced Feb. 2.

"The thing we did have going for us was that LeVant Williams did not play up here," Tappmeyer said.

Williams was named MIAA player of the week after averaging 23.7 points and eight rebounds in the 'Cats' two games last week.

Williams' presence supplied the 'Cats with 20 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks against the Mules.

The 'Cats will tangle with the Missouri Western State College Griffons at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena.



Phil Simpson drops in a deuce against the Washburn University Ichabods earlier this season. The 'Cats lost at Washburn Wednesday, 78-68.

John Petrovic/Staff Photographer

Women drop game to Washburn, 68-57

by Kevin Schultz
Chief Reporter

After months of practices and games, the women's basketball team is in the final week of the regular season that started with two losses to Central Missouri State University and Washburn University.

The 'Cats fell first to Central 85-79, Saturday and then to Washburn, 68-57, Wednesday despite 21 points by Allison Edwards.

The 'Cats are in fourth place in the MIAA conference and must maintain at least fourth place in order to play the first round of the postseason tournament at home.

"Playing at home is a big concern right now," head coach Wayne Winstead said. "We really need to play here the first game to get that added advantage."

They need a win over rival Missouri Western State College Saturday to keep them in the top four.

"They are a very talented team

and this is a very big game," Winstead said. "The girls know they will have to play their best. This one should determine our final ranking and where we will play out first postseason contest."

Missouri Western comes into the matchup 21-7 overall and the Griffons have not been at full strength for over a month because of injuries. They will have everyone available Saturday.

"They've changed a lot since the beginning of the season," Winstead said. "At the outset of the year, they had many injuries and were guard-oriented. Now they are very balanced. We have to be aware of them as a whole team."

A win against the Griffons should put Northwest at home. Winstead said every game from here on out will be critical.

"The girls know and I know that every game is vital," Winstead said. "We have to be careful not to overdo things. Tired legs won't help our execution but come game time they will be ready to lay it all out on the floor."

Awards dinner honors athletes

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

Each sport had its 15 minutes of fame at the M-Club Sports Banquet Sunday night.

The banquet, which was split into three different sessions, honored athletes who participated in sports this fall and last spring.

Plaques for breaking school records, along with letters, academic honors and recognition were awarded to the athletes in front of a crowd of approximately 430 to 450 people, including families.

M-Club secretary Kathy Kearns, who spoke about what it means to be a Bearcat athlete, said the event is for more than just the athletes.

"It gives the coaches an opportunity to congratulate and thank the athletes," Kearns said. "It allows each sport to know what the other sports accomplished. (The banquet) is neat, because we all put in so much work, and this gives us the recognition we deserve."

The banquet is a standing Northwest tradition and it takes place twice a year.

Track prepares for conference meet

by Wendy Broker
University Sports Editor

Like a good engine, the gears of the indoor track teams must be constantly tested and tuned.

The Mule Relays in Warrensburg last Friday and the NIAC Championships in Nebraska this weekend will help the teams prepare for the MIAA Championships March 1 and 2.

The women's team made its way to the top of the Mule Relays, in spite of competing against more than 20 teams.

Led by top finishers, seniors Julie Humphreys in the shot put and weight throw and Carrie Sindelar in the 800-meter run, along with junior Brandy Haan in the 55-meter dash, the team took high marks in several events.

Haan also broke the school record and provisionally qualified in the 55-meter dash. She also picked up a second- and third-place finish in the 200-meter and 400-meter dash, respectively.

Freshman Diana Hughes also had a record setting day. Her leap in the long jump was good enough to break the school record, provisionally qualify her

for the national meet and place her second in the meet Friday.

Humphreys' first-place toss in the shot put notched her over the national provisional qualifying mark as well.

Humphreys and others who have provisionally qualified must wait to see if their mark is good enough to go to the national meet.

Coach Bud Williams said the team will hopefully be healthy for the competition against several unfamiliar NAIA schools.

"We are leading performance wise in a lot of events now and hope to have two throwers back which will definitely strengthen the team," Williams said. "The meet will be a good tune up for conference. We will look at it as a testing board. Just because we will be running against smaller schools this weekend, we cannot let down."

Men look toward NIAC in Nebraska

The men also traveled to CMSU for the Mule Relays, but did not finish where they wanted to be at this point in the season.

Senior Chad Sutton, juniors Robby

Lane and Don Ferree and freshman Frank Taylor offered bright spots for the team. Sutton's top finish in the high jump was the only first-place finish for the Bearcat men.

Head coach Rich Alsup said the men could improve in some phases of their meet.

"We did some things really well and some things not very well at Central," Alsup said. "We are not in bad shape if we come through a little tougher. We just have to continue to get ready, step it up and compete a little better."

The team will compete at another unscored meet Friday at the NIAC Championships.

The competition will be similar to that of the Doane meet the men participated in a few weeks ago, Alsup said.

"There will be some good competition and a handful of good athletes from each squad," Alsup said. "We will run most of the men in only one event, besides the jumpers and throwers. The meet will allow us a chance to get seeding times. The better times we get (this weekend), the better chance we have at getting in the fast heat at conference."



Wendy Broker/University Sports Editor

Sophomore Matt Abele leaps into the pit in the long jump competition Friday at the Mule Relays in Warrensburg.

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Five wrestlers will vie for state crown



Senior Adam Chadwick takes the position of advantage during his match at Saturday's sectionals. Chadwick and four other 'Hounds advanced to state.

■ **Spoofhounds ready to battle Missouri's best this week in Columbia**

by Alex Berry
Missourian Staff

The Maryville Spoofhounds will try their luck at earning some individual hardware Thursday at the 1998 Missouri State High School Wrestling Tournament in Columbia.

Senior Mark Anderson (119 lbs.), junior D.J. Merrill (130 lbs.), seniors Ryan Castillo (135 lbs.), Jeremy Lliteras (140 lbs.) and Adam Chadwick (152 lbs.), will be making the journey to the state championship for the 'Hounds wrestling team.

The state tournament will take place at the Hearn Center on the University of Missouri campus.

Although the tournament starts Thursday, most of the wrestlers are looking forward to being in contention for medals Saturday.

Anderson has his sights set on earning a medal in his last season as a high school wrestler. Anything less would be a disappointment for him.

"I won't be happy unless I am in the finals," Anderson said. "This is my fourth appearance at state, and I want to make it my best."

Head coach Joe Drake has been keeping practices shorter and concentrating on conditioning and drilling instead of new techniques.

Drake has also implemented a more optimistic attitude in his grapplers.

Even though some of Maryville's wrestlers have tough first-round matches at state, he assured them they could all go far.

He said all five state of the state-bound wrestlers have a legitimate shot to take home medals for the Spoofhounds.

"I am going to wrestle the best I can and whatever happens, happens," Castillo said. "If I perform to the best of my abilities, I will walk off the mat satisfied."

The sectional tournament last Saturday was the qualifying tournament before state and included twice as many teams as districts the previous weekend.

Drake said the sectional competition was much tougher than the district tournament, but was pleased with the performance of his team as a whole.

"They all wrestled well," Drake said. "Even the guys that didn't qualify made a good effort."

Anderson and Lliteras were also happy with their performances. Both finished sectionals by winning a medal.

"You can't really be disappointed with first," Anderson said.

Castillo realized he performed the best he could and was pleased with his second-place finish, although, he still would have liked to place first if he could.

Castillo said placing first at the sectional tournament would have given him a higher seed for the state meet.

Despite dropping his champion-

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■ **Mark Anderson, state-bound wrestler, Maryville High School**

ship match, Castillo believes his techniques worked well and hopes to carry his success to state.

"I wrestled good all day," Castillo said. "Even the last match that I lost didn't upset me."

Merrill and Chadwick also qualified for state placing third and fourth, respectively.

"I am looking forward to going to state," Chadwick said. "My plan is to get there, wrestle hard and enjoy the whole experience."

Merrill said he is looking forward to going to the state tournament for the first time.

He said he will try to learn from his experience this season and he hopes it will help him for his senior year.

Merrill already has aspirations of getting back to state again next season.

Bench Warmer

Judge makes right decision in golfer's case

"The Special Olympics" is where one of my colleagues believes Casey Martin should play golf.

Funny, huh? Not really.

Martin has a disease in his right leg which makes it nearly impossible for him to stand for long periods of time, let alone walk the long, rolling hills of a golf course.

A judge in Martin's hometown of Eugene, Ore., awarded him the right to use a cart during professional tournaments.

During the trial, the PGA Tour claimed walking was an essential part of the game, despite admitting Martin was handicapped and could not safely walk the course like the other competitors.

Not surprisingly, Martin winning the use of a cart has the PGA Tour's elite whining in protest.

"He's cheating."

"It's not fair."

"If he gets a cart, I want one too."

Martin is not cheating the other golfers on the PGA Tour. They are trying to cheat him.

If Martin could have traded his weak, diseased leg for a normal, healthy one, I'm almost sure he would have done it long ago.

Awarding Martin a golf cart does not give him an advantage over the other competitors. It simply evens the playing field.

Anyone who has ever watched a round of golf or played on a windy Saturday afternoon understands that the game is based on honor. Players call their own penalties.

In fact, Greg Norman once disqualified himself from a tournament (while he was leading, no less) when he realized he had inadvertently used a ball that had not been approved.

A lot of people laughed at Norman's error and some even questioned his judgment on whether he should have turned himself in at all.

The point: Norman knew what was right. He was not going to slip the ball in his pocket and pull out another. He knows golf is a game of integrity, honor and morals.

Martin would never disgrace the sport. He just wants a shot at playing on the PGA Tour and living out his childhood dream.

How can the Tour deny him?

And, as for the colleague who said Martin should head for the Special Olympics — the only thing on your mind should be special education.

Funny, huh? Not really.

Scott Summers is the community sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.



■ **Scott Summers**

Hoopster scores 47 points, breaks 23-year-old record

by Mark Hornickel
Chief Reporter

A 23-year-old scoring record was broken Monday night as the 'Hounds grabbed their 20th win of the year. Senior Tylor Hardy took it to Platte County scoring 47 points in Maryville's 79-46 over the Pirates.

"It was great," Hardy said. "We were just going out there to win. I didn't even know I had (37 points) at half-time and the guys told me."

To the rest of the crowd in attendance, Hardy's spectacle was quite a feat.

"He was really awesome," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "He was a scoring machine out there. I've never seen an offensive performance like that before."

Hardy's teammates said they were just trying to get him the ball.

"He was on fire," senior John Otte said. "We know Tylor pretty well, and when he's hot, he's hot."

It was not the first time Hardy came close to the record. Earlier this year, Hardy scored 39 points against St. Pius X in the Savannah Tournament.

After coming close that night, Hardy and the players took note of the scoring record of 46 points, set by Ted Espey in 1975.

Hardy said he could not have achieved the record without the help of his teammates.

The record-breaking night overshadowed another big accomplishment for the Spoofhounds — 20 wins.

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■ **John Otte, boys' basketball player, Maryville High School**

"It's really magical to win 20 games in a high school season," Kuwitzky said. "I don't know if people realize how hard that actually is. You really have to play good basketball over the course of a season and get through some bad stretches."

With the win Tuesday, the 'Hounds improved their mark to 20-4, and 4-2 in conference play.

The win was a key for the 'Hounds as they prepare for the district tournament.

"We lost our fire," Hardy said. "Then, we got it back again, and now we need to keep the fire going and take it to districts."

Maryville will play its last regular season game at 5 p.m. today at Lafayette.

"Lafayette is a team that is always dangerous at home," Kuwitzky said. "They have a lot of weapons and any time you go on their floor, you can expect them to put the points up."

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The Stroller

Your Man remembers RA work



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Weekly Wanderer thinks back to when he ruled the residence halls

I strolled my way to the Union this week. Your Man wanted to check out his results from the computer dating game.

I was hoping to be matched up with a sorority girl, because they are like no-bake cookies. You don't have to put much work into them, and they are just as good.

I was unable to eat my food over the annoying sounds of KDLX. The call letters should be SUX, because boy does it.

There was a square red thing on the table begging for attention. It said ABC across it. I figured it was something produced by Greg Roper calling the alphabet a mind-washing ploy devised by the Greeks.

Instead, it was a recruitment card for the Residential Housing Association. Your Man was once a resident assistant. I know it's hard to believe that the old Stroller was cooped up in a dorm, but it's true.

As I read the card, I thought who could shed more valuable insight on what it's truly like to be an RA than me?

Being an RA is a unique experience. One good thing is that you will get an Aladine plan. Imagine eating at the Union for an entire year — think of the possibilities.

Not to mention you could get one of those cool lids that are see through, that say to everyone you pass on the way back to your dorm, "Look, I have no friends." However, the laugh will be on them when you make them close their door at 10 p.m.

RHA conducts really cool conferences as well. There is nothing like going to Kirksville to spend the night with 10 other cool RHA people from the region.

Imagine the wild things you could do. You could take more ice than you need from the ice machine, and some of them might even sit around and talk about the problems they face. Unfortunately, it would only last until 10 p.m. because of silent hours.

Those conferences teach you valuable programs like how to regain control of your floor after an illegal water fight. The best one I went to was "that nasty mess in the toilet and how Sherlock would find out who did it."

After awhile, you start to see the humor in people coming home drunk at 3 a.m. and pulling the fire alarm. Standing outside in the rain, deprived of sleep with a test the next morning, will help you laugh with everyone at the craziness of the guys on the next floor. One positive aspect of your job is that you

can see who is sleeping with who at night.

In fact, if you are ever living in the dorm and you want to see all the guys in Hudson Hall, just pull the fire alarm. Who's going to catch you, Campus Safety?

RAs also develop immense leadership skills. First of all, you are responsible for running the show at floor meetings. You can lead the best your floor has to offer.

Looking around the room, you'll see the kid who is on ISCA 20 hours a day, the fat kid who still misses mommy and the tall, lanky kid whose clothes you would swear were picked out by his mom.

They are the only ones who showed up because no one else would be caught dead at that meeting. Yes, you and your compatriots can make earth shattering decisions such as who will be the prestigious floor president, whether to have bingo night on the floor or to make it a hall wing-ding and whether you should allow fliers in the elevator?

The best part of being an RA is getting to police 20 to 60 (according to the square red thing on my table in the Den) new 18-year-olds away from home for the first time. You may be into upper-level major classes and need to study, and they won't have a thing to do.

Oh sure you can study while they play music at levels that shake the building. Unfortunately, "Come on Barbie" on repeat will reach the level of Hanson annoyance very quickly.

You'll enjoy your time on rounds too. You can check to see if people are too loud or if they have their door shut. You'll probably even get to make an alcohol bust.

In the end, those residents will understand that you were just doing your job when you wrote them up.

After they prank call you, spread rumors about you, penny your door shut, steal your clothes while your in the shower and just detest you, they will have as little respect for you as ever.

An RA's life is full of glamour and power. Oh, cheer up Res. Lifers, it isn't that bad. It looks great on your resumé, but do you really want to spend the best four to seven years of your life in a dorm room?

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1. bag
5. Casement
9. Musical group
14. Garibaldi's birthplace
15. Bread spread
16. Rubinstein's instrument
17. Attributes
19. Vermicelli, e.g.
20. Hammer and sickle, e.g.
21. Leander's lover
23. "Hazel" cartoonist Key
24. Fiberglass

fixative

27. Track stars, at times
29. Pulp author
31. Redraft
33. Modernist
34. Tycoon
35. Man from Mazatlan
37. Homeroom assignments
41. Good weather in Stowe
43. Loft
45. Emulate

Fitzgerald

46. Ism
48. What brats wreak
50. snail's pace (2 words)
51. Lamprey
53. Rachel's sister
54. CSA soldier
55. Bart or Homer
59. Playground structure
61. Pod or corn prefix

62. Carroll's

- "brillig" preceder
64. Above board
67. Cooking stove
69. Some Iberians
72. Lilacs (Alcott)
73. Hectare counterpart
74. 1916 hit
75. Fine fogs
76. The Great Plant Earth (Hal Lindsey)
77. Water pitcher

Answers to last issue's puzzle



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| word | carbon |
| 13. Despicable ones | 47. Bed ruffles |
| 18. Some curves | 49. Frank extra |
| 22. Split licket-split | 52. Deuce description |
| 25. Inspiration | 55. Hootenanny action |
| 26. Beethoven's last | 56. Teheran resident |
| 28. Chops out weeds | 57. Takes exception to |
| 29. Vanity Fair founder | 58. Certain passage |
| 30. River to Donegal Bay | 60. Steak |
| 32. Sum | 63. Watchdog gp.? |
| 36. Tears apart | 65. Groundless |
| 38. Bolger role | 68. "I Around" (Beach Boys) |
| 39. Allie's pal | Museum display |
| 40. Random try | 71. Born |
| 42. Shed tears | |
| 44. Source of | |



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